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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Notable Anniversary

IT has been claimed by the Editor of the London Times that 50 years is not a very long time in the history of an institution, even newspapers. Nevertheless, the South China Morning Post can today observe its jubilee with a becoming sense of pride and satisfaction, for during its fifty years of existence it has established itself as the leading English-reading journal in the Far East. The many and spontaneous messages of congratulations which the paper has received from all over the world are an acknowledgment of this achievement. The fundamental quality which has guided the South China Morning Post to its position of eminence in the newspaper world has been its fearless impartiality. It has throughout the last 50 years faithfully carried out its self-imposed responsibility of moulding and guiding public opinion, has diligently protected public interests through timely and constructive criticism of official policy, and has carefully presented the hard news of the day without misleading embellishment. On this foundation the Morning Post of Hongkong has built its proud and enviable reputation which extends far beyond the boundaries of the Colony. That the South China Morning Post is today regarded in London, New York and the capital cities of Australia as the most authoritative daily newspaper in the Far East emphasises more than anything else the success the journal has achieved. But today's anniversary is more than the jubilee of a newspaper. It is also the 50th birthday of a company which, under imaginative leadership, has strikingly contributed to the development of high class journalism in Hongkong. Its progressive policy has brought high technical efficiency to the newspapers it controls, and the reading public have received commensurate benefits. The South China Morning Post, Ltd., and its principal daily publication, merit without qualification the congratulations which have been extended to them on their notable anniversary, and it can be confidently predicted that the future holds for them as many outstanding achievements as have marked their first half century.

Trade Hindrances

SINGAPORE economic officials have hastened to the defence of their Indonesian colleagues against critical merchants in Singapore. The measures taken in Djakarta also concern Hongkong. Dr Sumitro, the Finance Minister, in a broadcast, explained that Indonesia is passing through a critical period, for on top of the long struggle for recovery has now come the commodity recession serious enough to disrupt its one-sided economy. The situation is very unpalatable to merchants with overstocked godowns in Singapore and to their potential customers in Indonesia, but at least Indonesia has resisted the temptation to retrench indiscriminately throughout every branch of the nation's economy. But the acceptance of Indonesia's position on basic policy leads to greater stress on the vexatious red tape and other formalities which cause inordinate delay and impose undue strain on tempers. Happily Indonesian officials have promised early simplifications of the difficulties over valuations, pro formas, and other troubles.

EGYPT TURNS DOWN US OFFER

Participation In Canal Talks Refused

Cairo, Mar. 18.

The Egyptian Government has rejected the United States offer to take part "as a third party" in the forthcoming Anglo-Egyptian talks on the evacuation of the Suez Canal, Mr Fuad Galal, Minister of National Guidance, told a press conference here tonight.

The first suggestion to bring in the United States was made by Great Britain, Mr Galal said.

He added that the United States believed that as the friend of both countries she could not remain aloof from these vital talks.

He said no date had yet been fixed for the opening of the evacuation talks.

The United States offer to help in solving the Canal Zone dispute was disclosed earlier today by the Ambassador in Cairo, Mr Jefferson Caffery, who said it was essential for the welfare of both Britain and Egypt for a just solution to be reached as soon as possible.—Reuter.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS

London, Mar. 18.

Britain is to make a new formal attempt in Cairo this week to break the deadlock in the preliminary negotiations on the Canal Zone which blocks a settlement of the Middle East's defence, officials disclosed today.

Fresh instructions are being sent to the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, for a new round of talks with the Egyptian Prime Minister, Mohammed Naguib, and the Foreign Minister, Mohammed Fawzi, expected to start before the weekend.

The differences between Britain and Egypt which emerged at the first official meeting earlier this week have dashed hopes for an early agreement on multilateral Middle East defence arrangements. All that is being attempted at present is, therefore, to devise a face saving formula which would make it possible to go ahead with full-dress negotiations on the Canal Zone after preliminary moves have run into considerable trouble.

It has been reported that unless the talks get underway soon, Field Marshal Sir William Slim may go to Australia to take up his post as Governor-General. His departure was postponed recently to enable him to participate in the important Suez negotiations.

CHIEF DIFFICULTY

The chief difficulty stems, in the British view, from the conflicting Anglo-Egyptian approach to the problem of evacuation. Egypt wants the evacuation of British forces to be unconditional without any prior commitment on her part on future participation in overall Middle East defence arrangements. For this reason she is understood to have rejected United States participation in the Canal Zone talks.

Britain, supported by the United States, insists that an evacuation must in no circumstances leave a defence vacuum in the Canal Zone. She wants to be "reasonably sure" before committing herself to evacuation that some alternative arrangements will afford security in this strategically vital area, the sources said.

In the British view this can be done in various ways which would take into account prestige considerations on both sides.

There need not necessarily be prior formal Egyptian accession to the projected Middle East Defence Command but there should be some understanding binding her to align herself with the Western Powers for the protection of the Middle East, the sources added.

SOVIET WARNING

Cairo reports of Russia's renewed warning against Egypt's participation in the Middle East Defence Organisation were held to support the Western view that the Kremlin's eyes remain focused on this vital area and that effective defence arrangements must be provided without delay.

The Soviet Minister in Cairo, Josef Kozyrv, was said to have drawn attention to last year's Russia's formal warning on this issue in an interview with the Egyptian Foreign Minister.

Expert sources suggested one way to overcome the delicate procedural difficulties would be to split up the projected Cairo negotiations. One set would be strictly Anglo - Egyptian and dealing with evacuation. The other would, simultaneously with United States participation, consider the wider aspects of Egyptian co-operation in the broader Middle East defence set up. The latter would also deal with any possible future American aid to Egypt.

Such a procedure, it is argued, might help to remove the impression that evacuation is "directly" dependent on overall defence arrangements.

Britain feels that she has United States support in her current approach to the Canal Zone issue.—United Press.

Not A Blockade Says Eden

Questions On New Restrictions

London, Mar. 18.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, told the House of Commons today Britain's new restrictions on trade with Red China are not aimed at blockading the Chinese coast.

The British Government introduced legislation two days ago clamping strict new licensing restrictions on the shipping of strategic goods to Red China from British ports.

Labourite Desmond Donnelly said in the Commons today the move gave the impression "that this was a political demonstration which might slide into a naval blockade".

No naval blockade is intended, Mr Eden declared, saying:

"This is not a new policy we are adopting, but a strengthening of the fundamentals of a policy we are obliged to carry out by a United Nations resolution of May, 1951."

The UN resolution called on all UN members to stop selling goods to China that would help the Reds wage war in Korea.

Asked the size of the trade in strategic cargoes before the new British restrictions, Eden said:

"I do not consider it all large, but it is a fact that in many American minds it bulks very much."—Associated Press.

LYTTELTON EXPLAINS

London, Mar. 18.

Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, said in the House of Commons today that no strategic goods, subject to Hongkong export control, were exported under licence to China in 1952, "except for a few insignificant items specially authorised for non-strategic uses."

He added in reply to a question that "strict precautions are taken to ensure that strategic goods re-exported to neighbouring territories, other than China, are for genuine local use and are not re-exported to China.

"The amount of strategic cargo passing through the colony in transit is also estimated to be insignificant.

"Intensive measures are taken to prevent smuggling of strategic goods and the quantities smuggled are believed to be very small.—Reuter.

Catastrophic Earthquake Recorded

Rome, Mar. 19.

Two Italian observatories last night recorded "a catastrophic earthquake" which they located either in the Balkans or the Middle East.

The Prato Observatory near Florence announced that its recording machinery was thrown out of action by the violence of the quake, which is estimated to be 1,500 kilometres (950 miles) away.

The Bendandi Observatory at Faenza, near Bologna, also reported its instruments dislocated by the shock "of catastrophic proportions such as have not been recorded for many years."—Reuter.

HITS TURKEY

Ankara, Mar. 19.

A strong earthquake was reported last night from central and western Turkey after nine o'clock local time.

No information is yet available, but heavy damage and loss of life is feared.—Reuter.

Queen Mary Has Restful Day

London, Mar. 18.

Queen Mary, grandmother of Queen Elizabeth, had "a very restful day," it was stated tonight at Marlborough House, her London home.

Queen Mary has been confined to bed now three weeks with gastric trouble.—Reuter.

MIG-15 Pilot Secretly Smuggled To Britain

Copenhagen, Mar. 18.

Franciszek Garecki, 21-year-old Pole who escaped to Denmark with the first MIG-15 to fall intact into Western hands, has been smuggled secretly to Britain by air.

After being questioned thoroughly by the RAF he will go to America.

The Danish Government feared he might be kidnapped or murdered by Communist agents to silence him and so held him in a Copenhagen prison, though theoretically as a political refugee he was a free man.

Garecki has much to say about the organisation, training, strength and readiness of the Red air forces.

Experts who have examined the MIG say: "It's a beautiful job, very manoeuvrable, and flies at about 750 miles an hour. In some way it seems superior to the American Sabre-jets but its range is limited."

Garecki fled without direct prompting from the West owing to the bad conditions in Poland, which is now one of the worst-fed countries in Europe.

Word has spread through Poland that people who get out are welcomed on the Western side of the Iron Curtain, and Garecki seized the opportunity to dash for freedom to Bornholm when air patrols off the Polish coast were increased during the panic following Stalin's illness. — Express Service.

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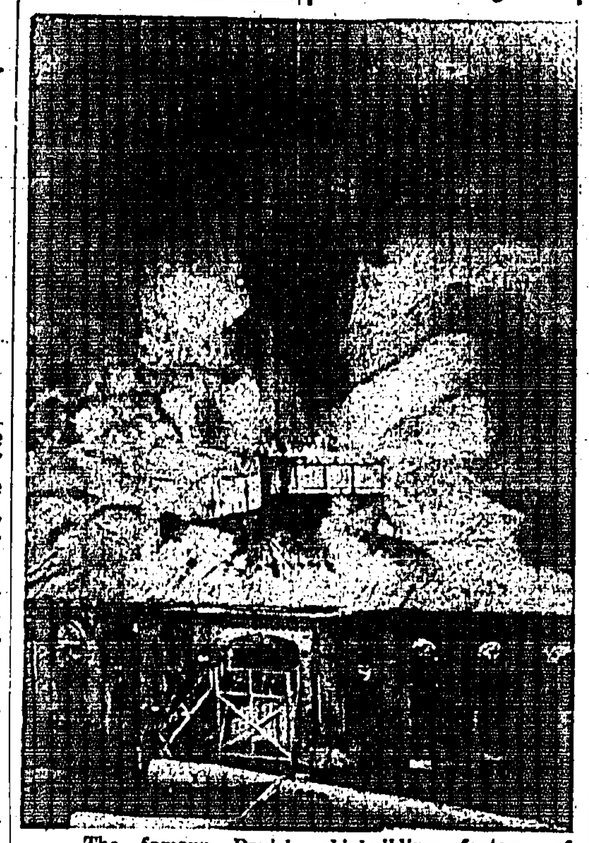

The famous Danish shipbuilding factory of Burmeister and Wain in Copenhagen has been completely gutted by fire, and the damage is estimated at over five million kroner.—London Express.

Commons Question On Kai Tak

London, Mar. 18.

Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons today what progress had been made in drawing up a detailed scheme for the development of the existing civil airport at Kai Tak, Hongkong.

"Initial surveys common to various alternative schemes have been completed," Mr Lyttelton replied. "A detailed survey of one of these schemes should be finished in June."—Reuter.

NARRIMAN FACES MORE TROUBLE

Geneva, Mar. 19.

Ex-queen Narriman of Egypt is expected to face a constitutional row in addition to her marital troubles when she leaves here for Cairo — probably tomorrow, Friday.

It was learned here that a powerful group of Republican officers close to the Egyptian Prime Minister, General Mohammed Naguib, oppose the return of the 19-year-old beauty who left her husband, ex-King Farouk, in his exile in Rome.

The former Queen, mother of the baby king, Ahmed Fuad II, was to have left today. But she postponed the trip in order to fly by a route avoiding Rome.

It was stated that she wanted to avoid a possible airport meeting with her husband and son.—Reuter.

B-36 BOMBER CRASHES

Washington, Mar. 19.

The United States Air Force reported today it had been advised that a B-36 bomber had crashed near Torbay, Newfoundland.

The Air Force said Canadian authorities reported the finding of seven bodies.

Sketchy reports received here also said that one United States B-29 and Canadian Air Force planes had flown to the scene.—Reuter.

PAA WIN COURT ACTION

But Must Still Pay Damages

New York, Mar. 18.

Pan-American Airways today won an action in which singers Jane Froman and Gipsy Markoff sued for millions of dollars as the result of a plane crash ten years ago.

But the company will have to pay nearly $19,000 in limited damages under international airways law.

The New York State Supreme Court Judge, Aron Steuer, directed that a limited award of $9,050 be made to Miss Froman and $9,580 to Miss Markoff—a small fraction of the amounts they had sought.

Both were injured when a Pan-American plane crashed in the Tagus river near Lisbon, Portugal, killing 24.

Miss Froman, in hospital for years from injuries and with one leg still in braces, sued for $2,500,000. Miss Markoff, who claimed partial loss of the use of one hand, asked for $1,000,000.

The damages awarded by the State Supreme Court were the maximum which could be given under an international convention limiting liability for death or injury in international flight to $8,300 plus loss of belongings unless "wilful misconduct" were proved.

The jury today found no wilful misconduct. The judge rejected a motion to set aside the jury's verdict as unfair.

Miss Froman, Miss Markoff and Mr Donald Ross, Miss Froman's former husband, had charged that negligence and failure of the pilot to follow landing instructions were responsible for the crash.

The judge made no award to Mr Ross, who had sought $100,000 for loss of Miss Froman's services during her incapacity.—Reuter.

Britain's Budget Day, April 14

London, Mar 18.

Britain's 1953 budget—telling Britons whether their taxes will go up or down—is expected to be announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler on April 14, Parliamentary quarters said today.—Reuter.

REDS PREPARING BIG OFFENSIVE IN INDO-CHINA

Saigon, Mar. 18.

The Communists in Northern Indo-China are preparing for a drive into the state of Laos, which could carry them within striking distance of the Burmese border, observers said here tonight.

A campaign into Laos would also take the Communist-led Vietminh rebels into one of the world's richest opium growing areas. This could yield valuable income for the financially hard-pressed rebels. Besides its use as a narcotic, opium has medicinal uses.

Usually reliable sources said the French have evacuated civilian families from the state's fifth largest town, Sam Neua. The High Command fears that the town of 3,000 inhabitants will be the target of a Vietminh offensive within the next few weeks.

The rebels already have between one and two divisions standing north of Sam Neua, within about 30 miles of the town. The French High Command decided to build up defences there last October and was offered American financial help to bring its airstrip up to operational standards.

OUTNUMBERED

For security reasons the High Command is unwilling to divulge its strength at Sam Neua. But observers who visited the area recently said that French troops with their Laotian allies were outnumbered. On the other hand the French have the considerable advantage of being able to get in supplies by air.

Northeast of Sam Neua in Tonking French and Allied troops have carried out a large motorised raid in the Black River area, the French High Command announced tonight. They destroyed rebel communications but met little resistance.

The raid carried the French across the Black River at a point west of Hanoi. This might place the area some 50 miles from Sam Neua.

Though the announcement did not link the raid with the threat to Laos, it had been expected that the first French counteraction would be to break up rebel communications.

Hitherto the heavy battles of the war in Northern Indo-China have been confined to the Tonking delta and the Thai country in Northern Tonking. A rebel campaign into Laos would open a new phase.—Reuter.

BOY SLAYS TWO WITH GUN

Bebron, Nebraska Mar. 18.

A 13-year-old boy shot and killed his own foster mother and five-year-old sister when denied permission to watch television at a neighbour's home.

The county attorney, Mr W.O. Baldwin, said the boy, Lawrence Young, claimed he only intended to shoot his foster mother, Mrs Virlie Stewart.—Reuter.

Big 5 Fail To Reach Agreement

United Nations, Mar. 18.

The Big Five — Britain, the United States, France, Nationalist China and Russia — today considered nine people, including Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit and Sir Benegal Narsing Rau of India, as successors to Mr Trygve Lie as United Nations Secretary-General, but came to no agreement.

Mr Valerian Zorin of Russia questioned by reporters after the meeting said in effect that it was "no secret" that the Soviet Union would favour either of the Indians for the post.

The meeting of the five nations — Britain, the United States, Russia, France and Nationalist China — broke up after an hour-and-threequarters.

The Big Five had met at the request of the Security Council in an effort to break the deadlock in the Council. Last week it voted on Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo, of the Philippines, Mr Stanislaw Skrzeszewski, of Poland, and Mr Lester B. Pearson of Canada.

The statement after today's meeting said that in addition to those already voted on by the Security Council, the Big Five exchanged views on the following names mentioned as possible candidates: Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, of India, Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, of India, Prince Wan Waitnyakon, of Thailand, Mr Nasrollah Entezam, of Persia, Dr Padilla Nerva, of Mexico, Mr Eduardo Zuletz Angel, of Colombia, Professor, A. S. Bokhari, of Pakistan, Dr Charles Malik, of the Lebanon, and Mr M. Boheman, of Sweden.

"So far the permanent members have come to no agreement on what proposals to make to the Security Council," the statement said.

The Big Five are due to report to the Council tomorrow.—Reuter.

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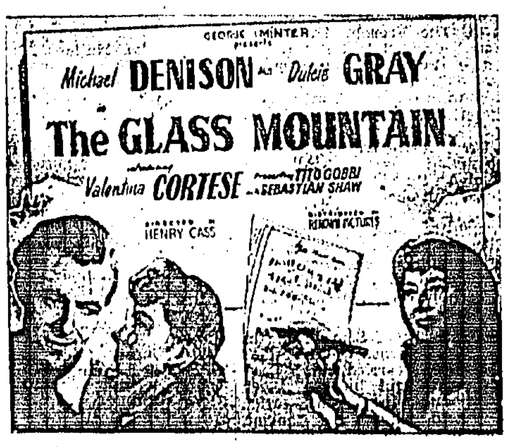

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BACK TO GOOD OLD DAYS

Liberals Worried Over The Trend In Japan

Militarism And Big Business Return To Favour

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

Conservative and socialist critics of the Japanese Government are protesting strongly against moves which, they say, are taking Japan back to the pre-war days of nationalistic, centralised controls.

Japanese liberals are worried by the reappearance of Japan's militarists in openly-organised nationalistic societies.

In dress and family customs, as well as in politics and business, Japan is today moving away from Occupation precepts.

The swing was expected, but foreign observers here, and many Japanese, are wondering just how far it will go.

Everywhere in Japan, there are signs of a "let's go back to the olden days" spirit. The Japanese people have revived superstitions discredited during the Occupation and are flocking again to their ancient temples.

In the cities, Japanese women are again appearing in the streets in the traditional kimono and fancy wooden clogs.

The nationalist feeling has also produced a strong movement for the release of all Japanese war criminals. A total of 708 war criminals are at present held in Tokyo's Sugamo Prison, 109 in the Philippine Muntinlupa Prison and 105 on the Australian island of Manus.

Despite foreign criticism, the Diet passed a bill to allow leave of up to a fortnight to inmates of Sugamo Prison. Those who opposed the step argued that the war criminals could be released time and again under the provisions and the fortnight prolonged indefinitely.

POLICE INTEREST

Japanese lawyers argued that the sentences were passed by Allied military tribunals and therefore lost their effect when Japan attained independence.

Police are showing signs of resuming a pre-war interest in public and private morality. They have warned night clubs catering for foreigners about staying open after 11 p.m. Newspapers complain that the youth of Japan is forgetting the historic past by attending such clubs.

Government legislation introduced in the Diet calls for restrictions on strikes in power and coal industries and a denial of the right to strike to all public employees.

A new education bill would centralise control of all school teachers and ban them from taking part in politics.

The association of Japanese small businessmen has appealed to the Government to kill its proposed changes in the anti-monopoly law introduced during the Occupation. But the larger business houses want to be free to form cartels and combinations.

COMBINES RETURN

The Vice-President of the Yawata Iron and Steel Company declared in "Asahi", Japan's leading newspaper, that revision of the anti-monopoly law is needed to "promote the export business and to make stronger the foundation of industry in Japan".

The former Mitsubishi, Mitsui, Sumitomo and Yasuda industrial and financial combines are reforming.

Japanese detectives are being hired to investigate whether prospective brides fraternised with Occupation personnel. The father of the groom pays the bill, and if the girl is found to be suspect, the marriage is off.

The opposition in the Diet is hotly contesting the Government's plans for revision of the Occupation police system, which split the pre-war centralised police force into locally autonomous groups.

The Federation of Japanese Governors and Mayors sent a group of representatives to the Government to oppose the revision, claiming that a centralised police force would "prevent the development of democracy in Japan" and bring about a "return to a police state".

ADVOCATE VIOLENCE

"Asahi" reports "growing activity" among extreme right wing elements. Many groups, it said, are advocating violence to "exterminate" leaders who oppose the militarists.

It added a warning that "hotheads" might sacrifice themselves to enable those who advocate immediate rearmament of Japan to move ahead with less opposition.

But public opinion remains strongly opposed to rearmament, while official government statements say that Japan's present policy is to leave this issue alone.

Only one existing political party, the Progressives, led by the former Foreign Minister, Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, openly advocates putting Japan under arms again.

But Mr Shigemitsu opposes any return to power of former militarists and is one of the most active critics of the present Government's attempts to bring back centralised power.—Reuter.

Egyptian Delegate On Suez

"Foreign Protection At An End"

United Nations, Mar. 18.

Egypt today deposited the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Sudan for registration with the United Nations.

Ahmed Abdelrazek, Egypt's permanent representative to the United Nations, delivered the February 12 agreement to Constantin Stavropolous, principal director in charge of the United Nations Legal Department.

After the ceremony, he told the Press: "This agreement confirms the right of all the Sudanese people to self-government. Consequently such an agreement must be considered as an important instrument assuring peace and world security.

"I believe disarmament and collective measures will remain useless when not accompanied with general respect for equality between nations and their absolute right to independence and freedom.

"We hope heartily this agreement will always be interpreted and applied honestly for the benefit of the Sudanese people, whose rights are already recognised.

"In the meantime, I ask Almighty God to bless the endeavours of the Egyptian Government to realise the unconditional evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone.

"The free world must understand Egypt does not belong to the Canal but that the Canal is, on the contrary, Egyptian territory. It is our duty as patriots and free men to defend the integrity of our homeland and to protect her dignity and security.

"The time of foreign protection or protectorate must come forever to an end and we are ready to assume our responsibilities toward the defence of our country.

"The free world must understand Egypt is no longer for sale neither to her friends nor to her enemies, and that our present generation has not only assured equality and independence but also decided to leave its heirs a more powerful and prosperous fatherland.

"In practice we cannot recognise any difference between different kinds of domination... Domination is always domination and slaves cannot choose their masters."—United Press.

Eight-year-old Glaella de Marco, the Italian girl prodigy who conducted the London Philharmonic Orchestra at Manchester and at the Royal Albert Hall in London recently, shown riding a tricycle in Kensington Gardens. She was "discovered" four years ago and since then has made over 120 concert appearances.—Central Press.

Economic Conference Suggested

Washington, Mar. 18.

The Belgian Foreign Minister, Paul Van Zeeland, suggested today a general economic conference between debtor and creditor nations of the Free World.

M. Van Zeeland, who was addressing the Press Club here, said that the degree of reconstruction of Europe would permit such a conference to bear fruits and to find the means of balancing the economic and financial relations of the Free World.

The conference could take up the following problems. First, a reduction in the Free World of hindrances to trade exchanges, in other words, a revision of Customs tariffs and the suppression of the system of quotas; secondly, a co-ordinated effort to stabilise the prices of raw materials; thirdly, a new method of getting rid of restrictions on payments for goods to be exchanged.

M. Van Zeeland added, that European unity must be achieved as rapidly as possible on account of the unbelievable military power accumulated by the Soviet bloc.

He stated that the reorganisation of the Soviet Government after the death of Stalin constituted a practical formula for obtaining collaboration between the three forces which exist in any totalitarian country—the army, police and the party.

He thought that whatever happened the Western world should continue its policy of rearmament and wait to see how the situation in the Soviet Union would evolve.—France-Presse.

Union Protest

Sydney, Mar. 18.

Australia's largest union, the Australian Workers Union, will protest to the Federal government against the introduction of Japanese pearl workers, the secretary of the Union, Mr T. Dougherty, said today.

He was commenting on a report that 35 Japanese pearl divers had been granted permission to enter Australia. He said the Queensland Government would also protest. Japanese pearlers operating around the Australian coast before the last war gained valuable military information for Japan.—United Press.

Richmond Entertains Richmond

Richmond, Mar. 18.

The Richmond Council were entertained in the town hall today by Richmond, Virginia, Mrs Guy Franklin from that city acting as hostess.

She brought with her from the United States coffee and food, the latter including candy and cracker sandwiches.—Reuter.

Big Reward For Murderers

Tunis, Mar. 18.

Madame Ferhat Hached, widow of the Tunisian trade union leader murdered last December, has offered a three-million francs reward for precise information about his killers.

Maitre Georges Izard, her lawyer, announced this today after attending a reconstruction of the crime in a field near a cemetery at Radec, southeast of Tunis, where Ferhat Hached was shot down with a tommy-gun burst on the morning of December 5.—Reuter.

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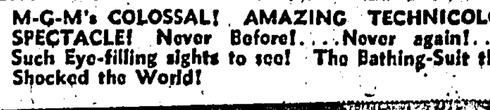

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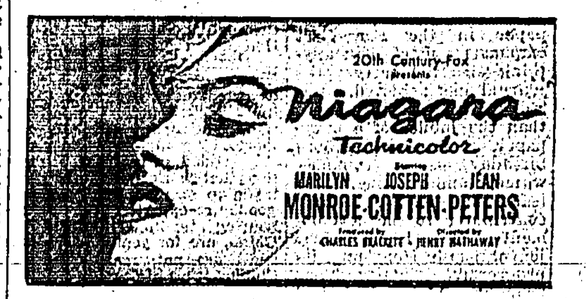

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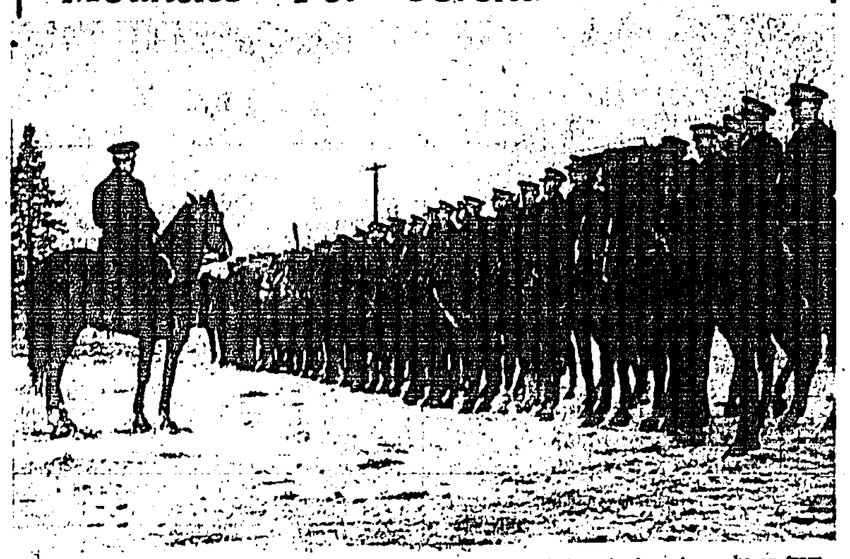


Some of the 40 members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who have been chosen from divisions across Canada to ride in the Coronation parade in London. Now training at Rockliffe, Ontario, the "Mounties" will ride matched chestnut horses and will wear their colourful scarlet tunics and stetson hats. Four of them will provide a mounted escort for Premier and Mrs St Laurent as they ride in the Coronation procession. — Express Photo.

Franco-U.S. Talks In Washington

SPLIT REPORTED IN FRENCH CABINET

Paris, Mar. 18.

The French Government today agreed on at least part of its position in the forthcoming talks with American officials in Washington but declined to disclose what these views are.

The Cabinet met for about four hours in connection with the voyage of Premier Rene Mayer, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and Finance Minister Maurice Bourges-Maunoury to the U.S. next week.

They are to confer with President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other U.S. leaders.

A cryptic communique following the session spotlighted numerous articles in the French Press to the effect that the Government is split on the issue of American aid for France's war against the Communist-led rebels in Indo-China.

According to these articles, the Defence and Finance Ministries want the U. S. to take over a major share of the cost of warfare in Indo-China in return for less American aid to France in Europe.

The Foreign Ministry is reported to oppose this on the ground it would give the Americans too large a role in Indo-China and undermine French prestige there.

BASIS APPROVED

The Cabinet communique said that M. Mayer made a statement to the Cabinet on the question of military aid, and told his colleagues: "None of the stories published in the (French) Press and commented on abroad correspond to reality in governmental decisions."

The announcement then said the Government approved the basis on which the Premier and the two Ministers will carry on their talks in Washington.

The announcement merely said that the effect of the Indo-Chinese campaigns on France's military contribution to mutual defence would be among the prominent factors so far as France is concerned.

There was no indication as to how the split, if any, has been settled.

Well-informed sources said after today's meeting that a small Cabinet group will study this issue again tomorrow, and that another full-scale Cabinet meeting will be held before M. Mayer and the Ministers leave in an effort to work out a fully agreed position.

DETERMINED BY U.S.

Later, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman told a news conference that the French Government had never considered — as hinted in some Paris papers — renouncing all American aid in Europe so that all U. S. aid would go to Indo-China.

He said the amounts for Indo-China would be determined by the U. S. following next week's conversations in Washington.

The spokesman pointed out that while France has a single military budget covering expenses in metropolitan France, Europe, Africa and Indo-China, the U. S. has separate budget items for aid to Europe and to Asia.

This, in effect, he said, gives to the U. S. the last word on how much help should go to France and to Indo-China.—Associated Press.

Arab Princess Leaves Britain

Princess Dina Hameed, the Arabian girl who is reported to be engaged to marry 17-year-old King Hussein of Jordan, leaves London on her return to Cairo. Her journey was postponed for a week because of a cold.—Express Photo.

ATOM-ROCKET BATTALIONS ARE READY

Washington, Mar. 18.

America is now mass-producing rockets that are guided to their target by radar at supersonic speed.

Combat units have already been trained and equipped to use "at least two kinds" of these guided missiles, the U.S. Army announced today.

The missiles, which can carry small atom-bombs, can be used either to shoot down aircraft or to smash ground targets at long range.

General J. Lawton Collins, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, put it this way: "Where we use the guided-missile battalion, it will replace an anti-aircraft OR a field artillery battalion."

Says the army: "Enemy planes can dive, sideslip, or turn tail, but the new weapons will knock them out of the sky."

ELECTRIC BRAIN

The army explains how three types of missiles work:—

1. A radar station "tracks" both the missile and its target. An electronic "brain" calculates the angle of flight needed to hit the target, and transmits "instructions" that ensure a hit.

2. The missile follows a radar beam that is kept on target. The missile has only to stay on the beam.

3. The missile needs no "instructions" from the ground, but sends out impulses that give it an "echo" beam to guide it to the target.

The army says: "Some of the missiles cannot be diverted off-course by enemy electronic counter-measures.

"There can be no doubt that guided missiles have moved out of the realm of science fiction."—London Express Service.

Wartime Device Hunts Whales

London, Mar. 18.

Describing a new electronic device which tracks whales by underwater echoes as the Navy hunted U-boats, Commander R. G. C. Haines said today that during the first 10 days of this year's Antarctic expedition off South Georgia ships using it caught more blue whales than during the whole of the previous season.

Whaling men, he said, are enthusiastic about the equipment.—Reuter.

Raising Of Ban

Washington, Mar. 18.

The State Department today authorised its information agencies to use Communist material when it can be employed to expose Communist propaganda or refute Communist lies.

The new directive, issued with the approval of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, lifts the recent ban on the use of Communist material.

The earlier order had proved as a practical matter to be so restrictive as to hamper the agencies attempting to combat Communist propaganda.

The announcement stated the new orders forbids:

First, use of Communist material in such manner as to "lend undue emphasis to Communist qualities and—or their statements."

Second, the presence in U. S. overseas libraries of the works of all Communist authors and of any publication "which continually publishes Communist propaganda."—Associated Press.

Australian Services' Role In Coronation: Escort For Queen

London, Mar. 18.

Coronation visitors will see the Digger slouch hat when the 251-strong Australian services contingent march through London in the Coronation procession on June 2.

This was stated today by the Australian High Commissioner, Sir Thomas White, who announced detailed plans for the contingent's London visit.

The Army's section of 20 officers and 116 other ranks will wear khaki battledress. The Navy component of seven officers and 48 ratings will wear blue ceremonial cloth uniforms, medals and decorations. Navy officers will carry swords and the men rifles and bayonets.

The Air Force—eight officers and 52 other ranks—will wear blue battledress with white accoutrements, medals and decorations, carrying swords, rifles and bayonets.

The Army will provide mounted escorts of five officers and three other ranks for the Queen and the Australian Prime Minister. These will wear the First World War pattern uniform with the slouch hat and emu plume.

Part of the ship's company of HMAS Sydney, which is bringing the contingent to Portsmouth on May 5, will help with route-lining duties on Coronation Day.

IN ENTOURAGE

Lieutenant-General Sir Edmund Herring, Lieutenant Governor and Chief Justice of Victoria, who is leader of the contingent, will ride on horseback in the procession to and from the Abbey as part of the Queen's entourage.

Brigadier D. A. Whitehead, commanding the contingent, will march at the head of the Australians.

Lieutenant-Commander Austin commands the Navy component, and Group Captain Parsons the Air Force.

Five officers and seven other ranks of the women's services are included in the contingent. They willl arrive at Tilbury in the Stratheden on May 3.

In the Coronation processions to the Abbey Sir Edmund Herring will ride in a group of mounted senior officers of the armed forces of the Commonwealth. Two Australian Navy aides-de-camp to the Queen will march with other naval men in another.—Reuter.

GUESTS OF QUEEN

London, Mar 18.

Many Australians visiting London for the Coronation will be guests of the Queen at a crowded programme of banquets, garden parties, receptions and lunches.

The Queen is giving three garden parties at Buckingham Palace on May 28, July 16 and 23. On June 1 she will give a reception to Commonwealth representatives and a luncheon party for Prime Ministers and Ministers.

All visiting Australian Members of Parliament will be invited to one of the two State banquets at Buckingham Palace on June 3.

The Queen will speak at a Commonwealth Parliamentary luncheon at Westminster Hall on May 27.

She will hold a reception at Buckingham Palace on June 12.

The Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, will entertain visiting Commonwealth Ministers at 10 Downing Street on June 9.

The Australian High Commissioner and Lady White will give garden parties at their official residence at Stoke Lodge, Kensington, on June 8 and 9.—Reuter.

Peron Hires A British Scientist

Buenos Aires, Mar. 18.

The Argentine Government announced today that Dr A. G. Maddock, head of the Department of Nuclear Physics at Cambridge University, will arrive in Buenos Aires tomorrow to work for the Argentine National Atomic Energy Commission.

The Government Press Office described Dr Maddock as an outstanding figure who worked with Dr. H. J. Emeleus on the chemistry of silicons.

It said he had also worked on the chemistry of plutonium and studied the chemistry of radioactive materials.

The statement from the Press Office did not mention the name of the Austrian scientist, Dr Richter, who with a great fanfare, was appointed head of Argentine atomic studies two years ago.

Dr Richter's name has been out of the news for many months, and nothing has been heard of his plan to produce atomic energy by an inexpensive secret method unknown to other countries.

British sources in Buenos Aires said Dr Maddock is in the Cambridge University Department of Radio-Chemistry.

They had heard he was coming to Buenos Aires but did not know of any connection with the Atomic Energy Commission.—Associated Press.

Ban On Literature

Bonn, Mar. 18.

The West German Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament) today outlawed all literature endangering youth, especially that glorifying crime, war and racial hatred.

It also banned the sale to young people of periodicals of nudist associations.—Reuter.

Picasso Drawing Offends The Soviet

Paris, Mar. 18.

The Soviet Ambassador to France, M. Alexei Pavlov, has protested to the French Communist Party against a published drawing of Stalin's head by Pablo Picasso, whose "Dove of Peace" is the emblem of the Russian-sponsored International Peace Movement.

The French Communist Party today rebuked Picasso, saying it categorically disapproved of the drawing being published in the weekly Les Lettres Francaises.

The Party communique, however, expressly stated that no doubt could be cast on the feelings of "the great artist Picasso." Observers thought the attack was aimed largely at Louis Arason, editor of Les Lettres Francaises.

The sketch bears little resemblance to the dead Soviet leader, though it could conceivably be recognised as a would-be likeness. It looks more like a perplexed young Russian peasant with a straight nose, egg-shape face and flat false-looking moustache.

At his home in Southern France Picasso commented: "When Stalin died M. Arason sent me a wire asking me to write something. I am not a writer so I sent a sketch.

"I sketched what I felt, since I have never seen Stalin. I tried to make it as like as possible. They do not seem to have liked it. Too bad."

He produced the original of the sketch and looked at it thoughtfully, remarking: "For my part I cannot see what there might be offensive about it."

He would not express an opinion on the party criticism until he knew the reasons.—Reuter.

PLANES FOR KENYA?

London, Mar. 18.

The Air Ministry is considering whether to send planes to Kenya to speed up operations against Mau Mau terrorists, a spokesman said today.

He gave no confirmation of a rumour that it had been decided to send a Royal Air Force fighter wing to Kenya.

Last week the War Office announced that two more battalions of troops are to be flown from Britain to Kenya at the end of March.—Reuter.

Prince Bernhard To Resume Itinerary

Amsterdam, Mar. 18.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands left tonight on a 12-day visit to the United States.

He will continue the programme of his visit earlier this year, which was broken off because of the Dutch flood disaster.—Reuter.

ITALIAN TANKER OFF AGAIN

Basra, Mar. 18.

The Italian tanker Miriella, which arrived at Abadan on its second visit two days ago, left today with a full cargo of Persian crude oil.

The Miriella, chartered by the Italian Supor Company, arrived at Venice on February 14 with more than 5,000 tons of Persian oil.

Early this month the charter company won a preliminary action in proceedings by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company to determine ownership of the oil. The main action is still to be heard in Rome.

Before the Venice decision was given the Miriella was on her way again to Abadan, where she was hailed as the first ship to beat the British "blockade" of Persian oil.—Reuter.

EDEN EXPLAINS

London, Mar. 18.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, explained to the House of Commons today that the Venice Court action over the Miriella oil cargo from Persia was part of protective proceedings only.

The main action to determine ownership of the oil was yet to be heard in Rome.

Mr Eden was giving a written answer to a question about the action, brought by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, in which the court decided in favour of the firm who chartered the Miriella.—Reuter.

Dissolution Of Cartel

Bonn, Mar. 18.

The break-up of West Germany's giant I.G. Farben chemical trust will be completed by the end of this month, the Allied High Commission announced today.

The announcement came in a new order giving details of the arrangements made for some successor companies.

The Western Allies are splitting the combine into three large and six smaller firms. This process began in April, 1951, after six years of deliberation and dispute between Britain, France and the United States on how to do it.

Before the war, the trust controlled about 85 per cent of Germany's chemical industry. Explosives were one of its main products and it played a big part in building up the Nazi war machine.

About four-fifths of Farben's property is in West Germany. The rest, in East Germany, is under Communist control and is not affected by the Allied decisions.—Reuter.

Moscow, Mar. 18.

A commission of prominent Soviet architects is to draft proposals for building a pantheon in Moscow in honour of Lenin and Stalin and other "great men", the newspaper Soviet Art reported today.—Reuter.

India Not Anxious To Arbitrate

Tangier, Mar. 18.

Mr Sardar H. S. Malik, Indian Ambassador to France, in a statement issued here today categorically denied that he or his country had any ambition to act as "arbitrator" between France and Morocco.

Mr Malik has been on a tour of North Africa.

His denial came in reply to an open letter addressed to him in a Moroccan paper.

Mr Malik said the Indian people have "the fullest sympathy with all the peoples of the world who are still living under a non-autonomous regime and it is always our endeavour to try and convince our friends who are in charge of these peoples that there could be no peace in the world until and unless all such peoples have achieved their independence."

Summing up his Moroccan visit Mr. Malik said he carried away a strong impression of the great economic development of the country and of its vast future potentialities.

He was also "deeply impressed with the great political and social problems that remain to be solved and on the solution of which, no less than on economic development, depends the future happiness, prosperity and contentment of the people."

Mr. Malik expressed to Morocco and France his "sincere best wishes for the settlement of the Moroccan question through a truly friendly willing and peaceful Franco-Moroccan understanding and collaboration."—Reuter.

Talks On Coalition Break Down

New Delhi, Mar. 18.

Attempts to pave the way for a coalition Government of the Indian Congress and Praja Socialist parties have broken down.

Mr Jaiprakash Narain, the Socialist leader, told a Press conference of the failure of his talks with Mr Nehru, the Prime Minister, on closed co-operation between the two parties.

Mr Narain's party is a merger of the former Socialist and Praja parties, which between them, polled 17,000,000 votes in last year's elections. It has 22 seats in the Lower House and is the third largest in opposition to Mr Nehru's Congress group, which gained 45,000,000 votes to give it 363 seats.

The talks which might have led to the inclusion of Mr Narain in the Cabinet, as Mr Nehru's possible successor, broke down over the question of a programme.—Reuter.

East And West In Rare Agreement

Geneva, Mar. 18.

East and West agreed today on the necessity for developing the less prosperous countries of Southern Europe for the economic good of all Europe.

Members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe voted unanimously at their final meeting today to take action toward the achievement of this aim. The Soviet Union and four other Eastern countries voted with Western European countries in one of the rare unanimous agreements of the session.

The action came on a resolution by Greece, Italy, Turkey, and Yugoslavia asking the Commission's Secretariat to prepare a study of the "possibilities of expanding and accelerating the economic development of the less-developed countries in Southern Europe."

Executive Secretary Gunnar Myrdal was also asked to consult with interested governments concerning the possibilities of further action.

While it could not be said that the Commission's session was notable for the spirit of conciliation which attended it, it did provide the occasion for Soviet delegate Amazasp Arutiunian's statement that the new leaders of the Soviet Union planned to pursue "a policy of business-like co-operation with all countries on a basis of mutual advantage".

The delegates also set April 13 for a trade meeting designed to prime the East-West trade pump, which has barely functioned in recent years.

The Commission noted down a Ukrainian resolution calling for a meeting of the Committee of Agricultural Problems to devise means of "helping the small and medium farmers to obtain cheap agricultural credit" and other benefits.

Instead, a Danish resolution asked for an investigation by the Secretariat, and the Food and Agricultural Organisation of agricultural production and trade was adopted, with the Soviet bloc abstaining.

The Commission also rejected a Soviet resolution asking for a Secretariat report on "the adverse effect of the militarisation of the economy of the Western European countries on the position of the workers".

Another resolution, introduced by Bulgaria, requesting voting rights for 10 European countries not members of the United Nations, was also defeated.—Associated Press.

Russians Are Told At Last

London, Mar. 18.

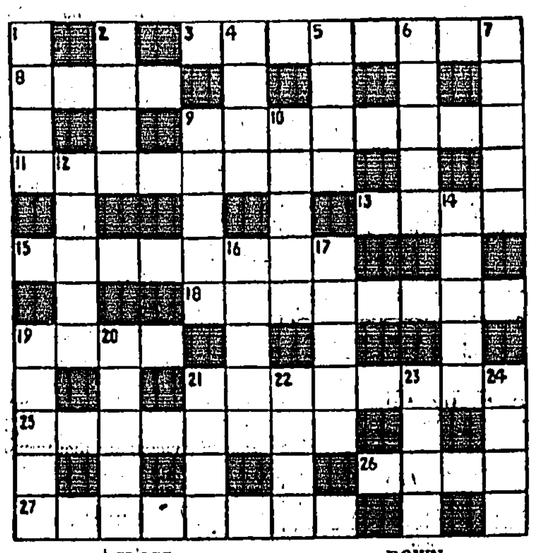
Moscow Radio today finally got around to mentioning the death of the famous Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev—almost two weeks after he died in the Soviet Caucasus. The radio had apparently refrained from carrying word on Prokofiev during the Stalin death crisis.

The Moscow Radio quoted an obituary published in Soviet Art.

The magazine said, "Prokofiev departed from us at the height of his creative powers, preserving to the last minute clarity of thought and inspiration."

It indirectly recalled that Prokofiev had been in hot water with Soviet authorities for failing to toe the Communist line musically, but blamed this mostly on bad habits picked up during the years he had spent out of the Soviet Union.—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



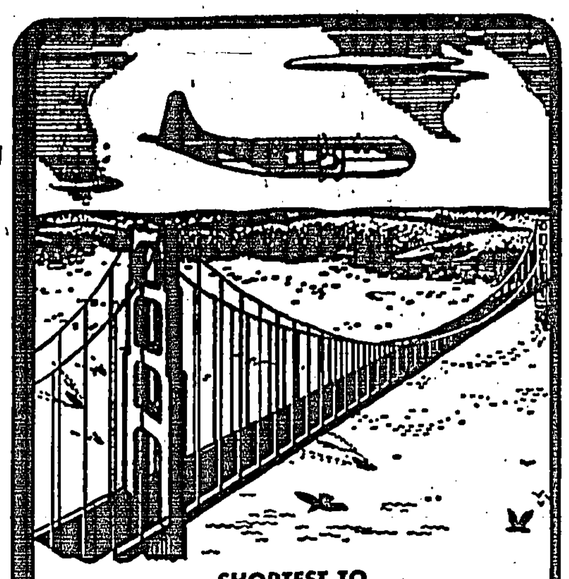
ACROSS

3 Pursued (8).
8 Take notice (4).
9 Reticent (8).
11 Likened (8).
13 Press (4).
15 Turned into cash (8).
18 Business chief (8).
19 Wound (4).
21 Chose (8).
25 Writer of music (8).
26 Beak (4).
27 Not the main business (8).

DOWN

1 Smart (4).
2 Consider (4).
4 Past (4).
5 Fibbed (4).
6 Hesitate (5).
7 Trick (5).
9 Swift (5).
10 Drain (5).
12 Public (5).
14 Feel for (5).
16 Teams (5).
17 Daunt (5).
19 Dismisses (5).
20 Equipped for battle (5).
21 Sully (4).
22 Slender (4).
23 Labour (4).
24 Uninteresting (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Custom, 4 Ruins, 7 Ignorant, 8 Oboes, 9 Erased, 11 Esteems, 13 Restore, 15 Rotten, 18 Laird, 19 Executive, 20 Hides, 21 Treaty. Down: 1 Crime, 2 Tools, 3 Monster, 4 Regret, 5 Indolent, 6 Scenes, 10 Assailed, 12 Serpent, 13 Relish, 14 Orders, 16 Truce, 17 Nasty.



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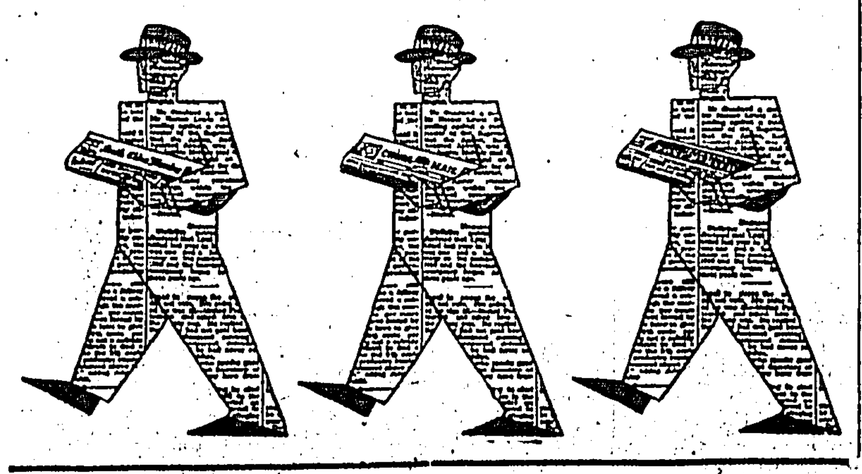

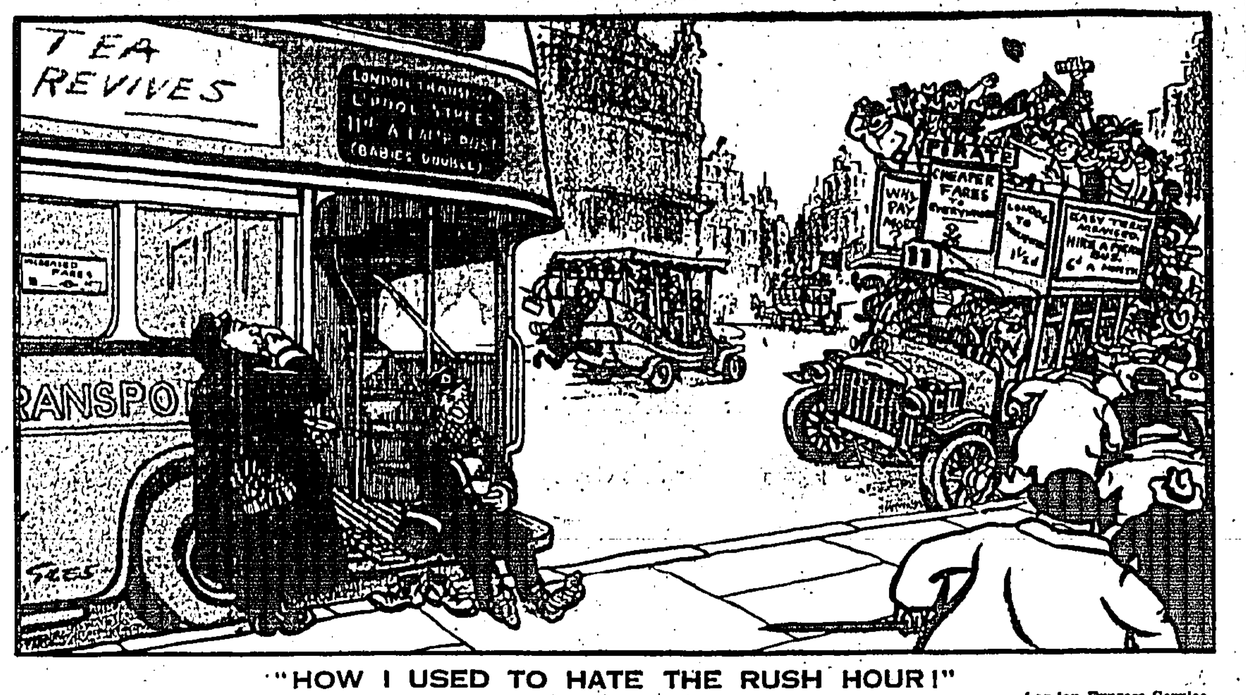

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YOU are reading the China Mail as you cross the harbour in a ferry after a full day at the office, or your South China Morning Post is propped up on the breakfast table in front of you. Neither experience occasions you any surprise or wonderment; it is taken for granted. In fact, it is only on the few days of the year when the papers do not appear that you realise what an important part they play in our daily life.

For they bring you news—the news of the world, the little world of Hongkong and the wider world beyond.

The main story on the front page informs you that Russia has announced abandonment of the Cold War; you note on an inside page that the principal guest at a dinner has denounced the eating of chip potatoes with chopsticks as "impolite"; a story about an accident at Repulse Bay catches your eye; you discover a photograph of a wizened little man who has just walked to Hongkong from India; you have your sports pages to turn to and so discover how your favourite team has fared; another part of the paper keeps you up to date on social affairs.

A RACE

IT is all there in black and white. Without lifting a finger yourself, without asking a single question, without making a telephone call, you have the very latest news from all parts of the world.

But do you ever wonder how all that gets into the paper? Have you ever thought of the highly complex organisation at work gathering and printing the news for you to read at your leisure each day?

Probably, if you consider it at all, you think of making a newspaper as a straightforward piece of teamwork. But it is much more than that, it is a remarkably highly organised industry, timed as precisely as a military operation.

Reporters all over the world are gathering the news of the moment which is telephoned directly or indirectly to the China Mail and Morning Post offices. Sub-editors sift thousands of words a day on all topics, to find the items most interesting to people in Hongkong. Linotype operators type columns and columns of words which, when corrected by proof-readers, are set into metal 'pages' and printed for you to read. The same process has been going on in the Morning Post, Ltd., for fifty years—a continuous race against time, a race which never stops.

That headline about calling off the Cold War, for instance—the chances are that it came to us from one of the world news agencies, either by radio or one of the new tape machines. The same message will have been sent to newspapers all over the world and each individual newspaper will have presented it in its own particular style. No two will be the same. The headline you see in your China Mail is unlikely to be the one Sydney readers see in their Morning Herald.

A large staff of reporters, Chinese and European, occupies most of the second floor

HIGHLY ORGANISED

of the Morning Post building. Glass cupboards containing neatly filed newspapers for reference, shelves of photographs, a library, and inevitable typewriters and telephones, characterise the office, as they do almost any newspaper building the world over.

There is a continuous stream of reporters and visitors going in and out—reporters going out on assignments, reporters returning with 'copy', visitors bringing information about forthcoming events.

The News Editor is responsible for the activities of each reporter and he keeps a diary of events which reporters consult each day to find out what they are to do. Their duties are many and varied, sometimes dull and sometimes interesting. Their hours vary literally with the season of the year, the number of cars on the road, the time a batsman takes to score his century in a cricket match.

They attend courts and Council meetings, inquests and exhibitions; they go to plays, concerts and receptions, sports meetings and cinema shows. It may sound like a gay life, but it has its disadvantages when the clock and the paper's deadline for receiving news demand that the story be written without further delay.

It was a reporter at a comparatively unimportant dinner, for instance, who turned in that paragraph about the principal guest and his remark regarding chopsticks. Another reporter, sent to cover a football match, met Mr Evans who had just walked from India, and interviewed him then and there. No matter where he is, a good reporter always keeps his eyes and ears open—for the best stories have a habit of cropping up in the most unlikely places.

It is this fact which makes the planning of a newspaper such a difficult business, for there is no guarantee, until the paper is printed and ready to be delivered, that a big story will not turn up demanding immediate and adequate treatment.

Let us follow one item of news on its journey from start to finish. That headline at Repulse Bay which attracted your attention—what is behind that? Look at the story—a motorist was driving towards the Repulse Bay Hotel when he heard a screech of brakes and a crashing noise. He stopped his car just in time to avoid crashing into a car which had apparently skidded and turned over.

The only occupant of the car, the driver, was wedged in and could not move, so our motorist leapt back into his own vehicle and raced to the hotel, where he called the police and ambulance. It is a simple straightforward story, with a few "quotes" from the motorist himself.

THE STORY

THE China Mail first heard of it when the duty reporter telephoned the police station in the course of routine enquiries to find out whether there was anything of interest to report. The police gave details, adding that the driver of the car was an important person in Hongkong. The Editor decided he wanted more about the incident and called a reporter to go out to Repulse Bay and interview the man who discovered it.

From the hotel the reporter telephoned back his "copy", and the duty reporter in the office took it down in shorthand, transcribed it, and sent it to the Editor. Meanwhile, someone else had looked up some additional facts about the injured man and added them to the story before sending it down to the machine-room to be set up in lead type.

There, a linotype operator, operating one of the 16 machines which work day and night in three shifts, set the story up according to instructions—probably of single column width.

With the setting completed and the type put on to a "galley", a proof was then pulled and read and re-read by proof readers until declared to be "OK"—that is, correct in spelling and grammar.

With its appropriate headlines, the story, with others, was then "made up" into a page and in due course taken down to the printing room ready for its last stage—its emergence as part of the paper.

On the modern three-unit Cossar machine, 4,500 copies of a 14, 16, 20 or 24-page China Mail can be printed per hour. Huge 600lb. reels of newsprint are lifted on to the machine and thereafter printed, cut, folded, and counted automatically.

SPECIALISED

NOR is the production of news stories the whole story. For example, the China Mail has its feature pages which require specialised craftsmanship in layout (i.e. presentation) and the use of type.

No newspaper today considers itself fully-equipped without a department for converting pictures, cartoons and drawn designs into blocks which can be reproduced in the paper. The block-making or Process Department is highly technical and is staffed by skilled craftsmen, capable of turning out a block within an hour if necessary.

On the ground floor of the Morning Post building in Wyndham Street classified and display advertisements are taken by assistants, and in the same business department other workers deal with accounts and general office routine—the same type of work done by stenographers and accountants everywhere.

In some respects the background work in a newspaper office is not dissimilar to that of any other office—letters must be read and answered, invitations accepted or refused. But, except for those directly concerned this passes by unnoticed where everyone is always in a hurry to get things done with the minimum of fuss. Newspaper office workers become so used to the clacking of typewriters and the ringing of telephones that they hardly notice the noise. "Nothing can wait" is the motto; everything must be attended to at once.

PRECISELY TIMED

In another part of the Morning Post building there is less evident stress and strain. In the bookbinding department work goes on quietly but systematically, with thousands of forms, letterheads, books, pamphlets and catalogues being printed and bound.

50 YEARS

AFTER work, or for meals, or during slack periods, employees frequent the Staff Club on the fifth floor of the building. Lady members form a catering committee which orders provisions for meals and snacks.

But even when the Club is closed, the work of producing newspapers goes on—not excepting general holidays and weekends.

The search for facts and the task of bringing to readers the news of the day as soon as possible after it has happened has been going on in the Morning Post building for 50 years.

It is this historical fact which the South China Morning Post, Ltd., is celebrating today—its Jubilee.

WHERE THE GREAT LOVER'S GHOST STILL WALKS

From Donald Ludlow

New York.

DORIS Duke, twice divorced tobacco heiress, and one of the world's richest young women, has become the new owner of Falcon Lair, the fabulous hilltop mansion of the later Rudolph Valentino where, a Hollywood legend says, the ghost of the actor still walks.

She is the sixth owner of the house, which Valentino built on a crag overlooking the steep Benedict Canyon in Beverly Hills. No one has ever kept it long, but that may be more due to its inaccessibility than to any midnight prowling by the shade of the screen's greatest lover.

Until the sale to Miss Duke, Falcon Lair was owned by screen writer and wine expert Bob Balzar, who refuses to disclose the figure paid by the heiress. But as the house has never been sold for less than £50,000, it is generally accepted that this was the price.

In the ornate style of a Roman villa, Falcon Lair is set amid magnificent gardens, with fountains and cypress groves, and is surrounded by a 10-foot wall.

Despite its imposing size it has only three bedrooms. Most of the space in the house is taken up by an enormous reception hall and library where Valentino displayed his art treasures, statues and collection of mediaeval armour and jewelled swords. These treasures were sold after his death 26 years ago, but Falcon Lair was held by his estate until 1934 when it was sold to Argentine millionaire Juan Romero.

The actress Ann Harding was the next owner but kept it only six months before selling to wealthy Mrs Gerald Buys, San Francisco socialite. Mrs Buys sold it two years ago to Balzar.

It was during Mrs Buy's ownership that the story of the Valentino ghost arose. At a seance she held in the house in 1948, Valentino's spirit face is said to have been seen peering through a window.

Later Mrs Buys became interested in Buddhism and installed a Buddhist priest the Venerable Lokanatha in Falcon Lair. He dedicated a shrine to Valentino commemorating the actor's twenty-second "rebirth".

A SOLDIER, ON ORDERS

By Patrick Maitland, MP.

London.

IT is easy to over-simplify events in Moscow. Indeed, some of the most reputable commentators on Russian affairs have combined to reduce each others' interpretations to nonsense. Some baldly declare that Malenkov has inherited Stalin's position. Others say that he has not, that, instead, his power is closely circumscribed.

They have told us that the changeover was just as Stalin intended and, again, that it reversed Stalin's own decisions.

Commonsense dictates that in searching out what has taken place, and seeking for a meaning, only ascertainable facts should be admitted.

The first of these may seem obvious. But it has been widely missed. Whoever is in charge now wishes Stalin to be remembered as a soldier.

This is clear from several features.

The portrait, appearing in the Moscow press on the morning after his death, shows him in the uniform of a soldier. He is in military uniform again in his coffin.

That is in sharp contrast with the loose-fitting workman's garb in which he was usually photographed and in which incidentally, Malenkov appears. Probably there was some symbolism about that dress. Just as Mr Churchill's "siren suit" in a way symbolised his identity with the common run of people exposed to air attacks, Stalin's proletarian garb had a meaning.

But for the record, for the last national memory of the hero, that is not how his successors wish him remembered. In death he must be the soldier.

Martial Note

THE martial note has been sustained in other ways. The music which Moscow Radio broadcast on the night of Stalin's death was only interrupted, save for news bulletins, by a radio play based on the siege of Tsaritsyn on the Volga in the Civil War of 1919.

Nothing is done without meaning; and the choice of this play is important. For when the battle of Tsaritsyn was going against the revolutionaries, Stalin was put in command. He saved the day by his ruthless discipline. This was the occasion when Stalin first entered the public ken. He did it as a soldier.

Then Stalin's is a soldier's funeral. Both Marshal A. M. Vassilevsky, Minister of Defence, and the Commander of the Moscow Garrison, Col-Gen. Artemeyev, are among the 7-man Funeral Commission.

It is too soon to draw conclusions from all this. But it may be said now that the change-over in Moscow bears all the marks of stress; and it includes some obvious puffs for the Army—the re-emergence of Marshal Zhukov for example.

Alternatives

PLACATING the Army may or may not be the intention of the new regime. Indeed, it may be that the showdown between the new Government and the Army has yet to come. But if there should be a desire to keep the army happy, albeit in a subordinate position, that would match up with the decision that Russia's Little Father be remembered as a soldier.

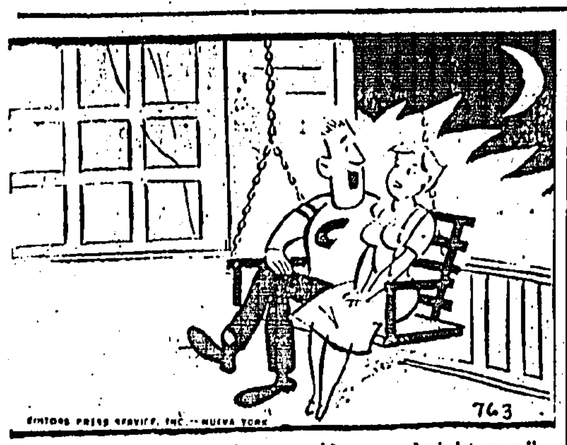
There are, of course, so many alternative possibilities with so little firm evidence, that speculation can be endless and valueless. But this much again can be suggested.

If Stalin is to be remembered as a military man, perhaps his successors wish to relegate to second place his role as an interpreter of Leninism. That could suggest that Stalin's last great onslaught against the diversionists of the extreme Left—the school of Voznessensky—is to be quietly forgotten. Evidence on that theme is forthcoming.

Speculative

AGAIN — and this illustrates once more how speculative just now is any theory about Moscow—it may be that Stalin was better loved as a soldier than as Lenin's heir. There have been successive official references to "panic"; the new rulers are certainly worried about that. So would any of the Czar's heirs have been upon their own succession. The USSR is a large country and communications are slender.

Moreover, there is one point which the censored news despatches do not claim. Nobody has yet cabled from Moscow a description of spontaneous popular grief. Mere human grief may not, of course, be a particularly edifying characteristic in an iron revolutionary. But its omission is strange.



"A cheese on whole wheat would go good right now."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

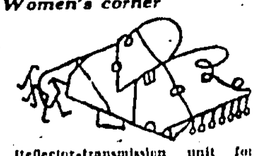
THE spraying of marine glue, from planes, on areas where starlings gather, in order to trap them on a kind of gigantic flypaper, has ended in failure.

The glue missed buildings and trees, and fell on roads and pavements. Traffic, which normally is free to move a few feet about twice an hour, was stuck to the spot, and the crowded pavements were like a scene from "The Sleeping Beauty." The removal of enormous quantities of glue from the streets provided a test for the municipal authorities, who are seldom called upon for such operations. Operation Glue will not be repeated.

(Tomorrow: Convertibility in the starling area)

Prodnose: No other paper mentioned this incredible story. Myself: You make me proud.

Women's corner



Reflector-transmission unit for Codrington valve-insulator. *(One of the illustrations to Lowry and Henson's "Problems of Insulation.")*

An odd situation

ASKED what on earth are the *Saucy Mrs Flobster* was to Lots Road Power Station, Rear-Admiral Sir Ewart Hodgson replied: "You might as well ask what use Lots Road Power Station is to the *Saucy Mrs Flobster*." "That is precisely what I do ask," vouchsafed the stubborn interloper. "Oh," said Sir Ewart, meditatively. "Are you still in touch with the ship?" asked the visitor. For answer Sir Ewart passed across the table a message from Mrs Wilhamedge. "It's not in code," he said. The message read: What about turnin er into a lighthouse, stop cat stuck in portide stop wind freshenin but wot difference can that make to us stop rollin down to flo aint in it stop end message.

Pea-pushing on ice

"FROST-BITTEN nostrils," said Dr Snodden. He had just examined Evans the Hearse, after the first demonstration of naval pea-pushing on ice on a specially prepared pond at Aberbanamer. Nostril House has announced that in future small sheathing-plates will be worn on the nostrils, modelled on those used for vessels in Arctic waters.

Forging ahead

THE writer of an article about "bringing art to the masses" may like to know that I am already preparing a four-dimensional coloured television version of "Hamlet" on ice in modern dress.

A pleasant thought

THE Hollywood craze for pictures about aging actresses who have outlived their fame suggests that when these middle-aged stars are great-grandmothers they will still be making pictures about poor old great-grandmothers whose granddaughters are about to outlive their fame.

(Two mice pass slowly across the stage. Curtain.)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

BORN today, you are one of those energetic, strong-willed individuals who knows what he wants and goes out after it. You may not always get what you are shooting for, but no one can say you haven't tried! There is a high degree of success in store for you eventually, but it is likely that you are not easily satisfied. When you reach one goal, you immediately have another, never reconciling yourself completely to what you already have.

Your magnetic personality draws people to you, and although you are warm-hearted and at times highly emotional, you are also very matter-of-fact. If you "put out," you expect others to meet you at least half way. Actually, you are fond of praise, and if in public life, a "good press" will send you to new heights of accomplishment. Criticism really hurts you a great deal, but you seldom show it. It might be better if you did, rather than let disappointment rancor and eventually make you bitter.

Your ties of kin are very strong and you will be happiest if you wed at an early age and have a large family of your own growing up around you. In this way, you can be your real self and not repress your emotions. Select a life partner who shares your ambitions and ideals, but one who is willing to let you lead. Two "bosses" in your family can only bring ultimate discontent.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Be eminently practical in accepting any suggestions made to you just now. Discard wisely.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — If a close associate asks you for financial help and advice, be willing and eager to give either, or both!

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — If you are in a position to instruct others, be sure that your directions are clearly given.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Lenten devotional duties, today, may prove a consolation or an inspiration to you. Relax tensions.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — An optimistic outlook despite adverse circumstances can do a great deal to alleviate misfortune.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — Try not to get involved in the problems of others. You will have plenty of your own to solve just now!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23 — Over-confidence can tend to make you thoughtless of important detail. Don't fall into this error. Be exact.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Extravagant expenditures for entertaining, if you must foot the bill, are not advised just now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)— Be very cautious in taking care of an important matter. Do not let significant detail slip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)— Be cautious in undertaking new responsibilities unless you are sure that you can handle them properly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)— Bend all your efforts, today, toward the completion of some difficult task you may have been postponing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)— Don't let others change your mind for you! If you know something is right, stick to it despite outside advice.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

AN EXPENSIVE EVENING

By T. O. HARE

"Any luck at bridge last night?" I asked my old friend Reggie Reckless.

"None," he replied. "It was a very expensive evening. I played four rubbers and lost them all."

"High stakes?"

"Not to begin with. But after the first rubber I trebled them; after the second rubber I trebled them again; and after the third rubber I trebled them once more for the fourth. Then I packed up, having lost £40 10s."

"Were they large rubbers?"

"Not very," said Reckless. "Each rubber after the first was actually 100 points less than the preceding one. We played so much a hundred, of course."

How large was the first rubber?

London Express Service.

(Solution on Page 10)

DUMB-BELLS

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Point-Count Shows Way to Play Hand

	NORTH (D) 29 ♠ J 7 5 2 ♥ Q 9 6 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A Q 5	
WEST ♠ K 10 6 ♥ 10 4 ♦ J 10 9 7 ♣ J 9 8 7		EAST ♠ A 9 8 ♥ J 6 ♦ 8 5 3 2 ♣ K 10 6 4
	SOUTH ♠ Q 4 3 ♥ A K 7 5 3 ♦ A K 6 ♣ 3 2	

Both sides vul.

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♦ J

By OSWALD JACOBY

I WILL discuss bidding according to the point-count method so that beginners and average players can see how the experts bid. Just in case you're not familiar with the point-count, here it is: count 4 points for each ace in your hand; 3 for each king; 2 for each queen; 1 for each jack.

There are 10 points in each suit, and 40 points in the entire deck. You and your partner usually need 26 points to make a game; 33 points for a small slam; 37 for a grand slam.

North's jump raise to three hearts in today's hand would ordinarily show about 13 to 16 points with strong four-card support for hearts. In this case, North has passed originally and is not likely to have as many as 14 points for that reason.

The North hand actually counts up to 13 points, 11 in normal high cards, 1 extra for the queen of hearts, and 1 for the doubleton.

South should not consider a slam in view of North's original pass. South has 16 points in high cards, 1 point for the fifth heart, and 1 point for the doubleton. With only 18 points of his own, South would need 15 points from his partner; and this is most unlikely since North has passed originally.

South is justified in bidding the hand conservatively since it takes careful play to make even ten tricks at hearts. Most players would wind up losing a club and three spades.

The play would be quite "normal." Declarer would win the first trick with dummy's queen of diamonds, draw two rounds of trumps, and take the club finesse. The club finesse would lose, and East would exit safely with a diamond or a club. South would eventually have to tackle the spades himself and would have to lose spade tricks, for a one-trick set.

South can surely make his contract if he simply doesn't take the club finesse! The correct play is to win the first trick with the queen of diamonds, draw two rounds of trumps, cash the top diamonds to discard a low club from dummy, and take the ace of clubs. A club trick is then conceded to the enemy, whereupon no defence can hurt declarer.

After East takes his king of clubs, he has no safe return. If he leads back a diamond or a club, declarer gets a ruff and a discard; and if East leads back a spade, declarer can lose only two spades.

CARD Sense

The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
3 Spades	Pass	?	

You, South hold: Spades A-Q-7-4-3, Hearts K-3, Diamonds K-Q-J-5-2, Club 2. What do you do?

A—Bid four no-trump. You can be sure that the slam will depend only on the number of aces your partner holds. If he has three aces, you will be interested in a grand slam; if he has two aces, you will surely bid a small slam; and if he has only one ace, you will stop short of slam. Your Blackwood bid of four no-trump will get you the answer.

TODAY'S QUESTION

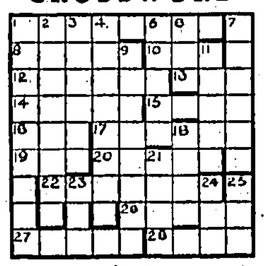
The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Club	Pass	1 Diamond	Pass
2 N. T.	Pass	?	

You, South, hold: Spades 8-6-3-2, Hearts 9-4-3, Diamonds K-J-7-3-2, Club 4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Any suits for dissection. (8)
8. Ghastly and sensational. (5)
10. Wood of the pelmet board. (3)
12. Retilt into rubbish. (6)
13. Following a dove-like sound it suggests an Indian labourer. (3)
14. I rose, possibly, to make bats. (5)
15. Endorsement. (4)
16. Return of a proverb. (3)
17. A dopey maidshipman? (6)
19. Fry around it for food space. (3)
20. Fifty more make it taller. (5)
22. Inquisitive dog with debts? (7)
26. How one hundred date the youngest son. (5)
27. Occurrence. (5)
28. Known to be palmed. (4)

Down

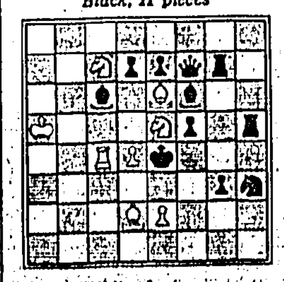
1. Approbation. (9)
2. Pest in a nice sun. (8)
3. A strait alteration. (6)
4. Tie Larry—writer's epithet. (8)
5. Supply the broken verse. (5)
6. Off-colour. (3) 7. Cheerless. (6)
9. Let elder become a drifter. (8)
11. Greedy! Who? Me, sir? (5)
18. It's often a family affair. (4)
21. May leap to a small advertisement. (4)
23. It may be habit. (3)
24. Battalled. (3)
25. Three-quarters of 28. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1. Cartoon; 8. Emergency; 11. Blur; 12. Meat; 13. Tease; 14. Path; 15. Tilt; 16. Rain; 19. Token; 21. Poor; 22. Yard; 24. Tin; 25. Post; 26. Leathing; 27. Scamp; 28. Rods. Down: 1. Century; 2. Amberstream; 3. Relation; 4. Trust; 5. Oars; 6. Scattered; 7. Pribon; 9. Emulgent; 10. Heat; 17. Epic; 18. Nod; 19. Trust; 20. Kaled 23. Doe.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. J. RIETVELD

Black, 11 pieces



White, 8 pieces.

White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P—R8 (=Kt), any; 2, R, or Kt mates.

WOMANSENSE

Coronation Year Fashion

Handbag and matching beach bag for Coronation year on show in London are in blue and white—waterproof material with red leather trimmings. They are held up for inspection by Miss Jeanette Chinman, and are among goods being shown at the Leather Goods Industry Trade Fair in London.

Two of the dresses shown during the first London collection for Yorkshire designer Ben Pearson: (left) a white beaded short evening dress with a gold sash is worn by Sheila Wilson and (right) a burgundy satin cocktail suit worn by Joy Nowell.

THE MOST TYPICAL AMERICAN MALE

Hollywood.

By BEN COOK

It is typical of the often-crazy movie industry that, just as Stephen McNally was tagged as "Villain of the Year," he should be cast as one of the most sterling of heroes.

McNally had been a villain in 18 of his 21 starring films when a group of screen meanies who call themselves Hollywood Heavies, Inc., voted him the villain title.

Less than 24 hours later, McNally was assigned to the role of a sheriff, who saves a group of white people besieged by a band of Apaches in Universal-International's "Stand at Apache River." He had played a dozen nasty roles in succession before getting this part.

It was not the first time McNally had crossed up a group of well-wishers who bestowed a title on him. Members of the American Association of Average Men once labelled Stephen as "The Most Typical American Male" because he went home from work each night to a wife and five children, which was said to be the typical family.

The following day, the McNally family added another child, and Stephen no longer was "typical."

In the picture that takes him out of his villainy rut, McNally co-stars with Julie Adams, with whom he falls in love during the siege laid down by the Redskins. She rides off in a stage coach with the big hero at the end of the picture.

Some Tasty Salads For Spring

By ALICE DENHOFF

EVEN people who are not too happy about salads, tuck away their share of a good, hearty meat salad, we've found. Such a salad makes a nice spring season main course, especially when served with a hot vegetable, hot muffins or rolls, and plenty of hot coffee or tea. Thrifty too, because such items as frankfurters, luncheon meat or bologna, or any leftover cooked meat, may serve as the basis for a main dish meat salad.

Whatever meat is used, the flavour of the salad is heightened if the meat cubes or slices are marinated in French dressing for a short time, and the dish is often improved if the blended ingredients are allowed to stand a couple of hours before serving.

Careful Seasoning

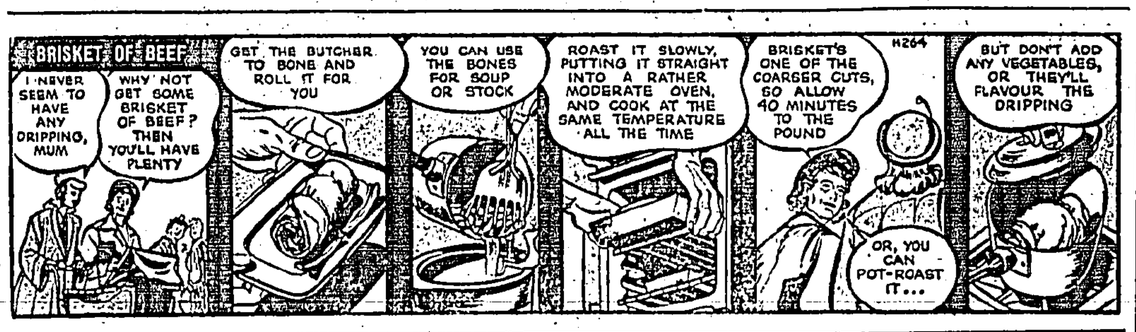
Be sure that the salad is carefully seasoned, too. Even though you are successful in throwing in a dash of this and a sprinkle of that when doing the usual salad, critically taste a meat salad in order to add that extra seasoning touch before it's too late.

Attractive garnish is important, and especially so when a meat salad is starred at a buffet meal. And a Frankfurter Supper Salad is nice enough for even the fussiest palate.

For this one, use 2 c. thinly sliced franks and pour a little sharp French dressing over, letting the franks marinate in for a half-hour or more. Add 2 c. cooked macaroni, one c. sliced celery, 2 hard-cooked eggs, 3 tbsp. finely chopped green pepper, 2 tbsp. grated onion, 2 tbsp. chopped parsley, ½ tsp. celery salt, and salt and pepper to taste. Add enough salad dressing or mayonnaise to moisten. Garnish with salad greens, a colourful centre of radish roses and carrot slices on a tiny bed of parsley.

For another hearty salad that also uses frankfurters, drain a No. 2 tin kidney beans, and add 1½ c. sliced frankfurters, ½ c. chopped sour pickles and ½ c. French dressing. Chill. Break a head of lettuce into pieces and place alternate layers of frankfurter-bean mixture, lettuce and sliced green onions in a salad bowl. Pour ½ c. French dressing over all. Serve at once. Serves 4.

Four a savoury meat salad to serve 4, cube 3 c. cooked meat, and mix with 1½ c. sliced celery, ½ c. sweet pickle (chopped), 2 tbsp. grated onion, 6 tbsp. French dressing, and salt and pepper to taste. Chill for an hour, and drain, reserving the dressing for a future salad. Mix with ¾ c. "novelty" mayonnaise, which is made by mixing ½ c. mayonnaise with 2 tbsp. chopped olives, 4 tbsp. catsup and one very finely chopped hard-cooked egg. Season with salt and pepper to suit.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Poor General Tin Can't Sing

—So Knarf Gets the Canary to Do It for Him—

By MAX TRELL

MR PUNCH sighed deeply as Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, entered the playroom. This was very unusual for Mr Punch. Usually he was two or three times as cheerful as anyone you can imagine.

Knarf and Hanid went up to him at once to find out what was troubling him and to see if they couldn't help him.

"Yes," he admitted sorrowfully, "there is something wrong. Here I've gone and written a song for General Tin, the tin soldier, to sing to Miss China Doll—and what do you think?"

"What?" asked Knarf and Hanid.

Song Has to Be Sung

"It turns out that General Tin can't sing! Now what good is a song if you can't sing it?"

Knarf and Hanid asked why General Tin needed a song to sing to Miss China Doll.

"It was to be a surprise," Mr Punch explained. "General Tin was going to wait until she came out on the balcony of the doll house where she lives. Then he was going to sing the song to her."

Mr Punch paused and smiled. "You see," he said, "General Tin is fond of Miss China Doll. In fact, he's VERY fond of her. In fact, he likes her better than anyone else in the whole world. He loves her!" said Mr Punch.

Now that they knew the whole story, Knarf and Hanid went at once to see General Tin.

They found him standing very disconsolately in front of Miss Doll's house, holding the song that Mr Punch had so kindly written for him. They could see Miss Doll behind the window in her parlour. But she paid no attention to the tin soldier outside.

Got An Idea

"But she'd come out quickly enough if she heard this song," General Tin said.

At that moment Knarf got an idea.

"Do you think, General Tin, that Miss Doll would come out if somebody whistled the song?"

"Oh yes! Oh yes! But.....I can't whistle either."

That didn't discourage Knarf. "You stand right here," he said, "right in front of Miss Doll's window where she can see you, and pretend to whistle."

"All right, Knarf. I'll do as you say. But what are you going to do?"

Instead of answering, Knarf took the song and hurried away with it. Neither General Tin nor Hanid could see where Knarf went.

But a moment or two later Knarf came darting back. "Now," he said to General Tin, "get ready to pretend to whistle. The song is going to start right away!"

Miss China Doll blew General Tin a kiss for the lovely song.

Sure enough, it did start right away. The playroom rang with the notes of the song. They were beautifully whistled.

Opened the Window

"Oh!" cried Miss Doll with delight as she opened up the window. "This is the loveliest song I've ever heard! And it's for me! It's General Tin's whistling-song for me! Even the yellow canary couldn't whistle it better!"

And she blew General Tin a kiss.

Of course, Miss Doll knew all along that General Tin wasn't the one who was really whistling the song—that Knarf had asked the yellow canary who lived in a cage on the other side of the room to whistle it for him.

But she knew (and knew for sure) that General Tin would have whistled it if he could.

"General Tin is such a dear! And I do like him so, so VERY much!" she said. "I really think I love him better than anyone else in the world!"

Nothing — nothing — NOTHING could have made General Tin happier than that!

Rupert and Morwenna—1

All has been bustle and activity at Mr. Bear's cottage, for he has decided to take his small family for a week in Cornwall. When the day arrives they take the bus to Nutchester, and joining the crowd streaming on to the platform are soon safely in the main line train. Rupert is so thrilled that he wants to talk to everybody, and a little girl sitting beside him smiles at his excitement. "I'm going back to my home near Pentherry," she says. "Are you going far?" "Penthery," cries Rupert. "Why, we're going there, too!"

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A Recipe For A Home Facial

By HELEN FOLLETT

RELAX when you give yourself a home facial. Only a half-hour of rest will ease away those weary shadows, erase the worry lines that most of us seem to pick up these days.

Practise the lifting-up method when massaging; it will help you to retain youthful bloom, keep tissues firm. A woman with a knack for cooking can follow any recipe, so there is no reason why a woman cannot follow a home recipe for complexion care.

To derive splendid results, don't hurry. Arrange your needed items before you start the treatment. You will require a light cleansing cream, a cream of heavy consistency, cleansing tissues, an astringent and cotton.

Open The Pores

Dip a small towel in warm water, hold close to face and neck to open the pores and make it easier for you to thoroughly remove skin debris. Now, apply a cleansing cosmetic, either cream or liquid. Remove it with tissues.

Take a fresh pledget of cotton, saturate it with the astringent, pat briskly over the flesh. Then, dip your fingers in the heavy cream and start feeding your complexion.

For Neck Contour

Press lightly around the eyes. Don't skimp on time when going over your neck. Necks have a way of going back on one, sometimes seeming to lose youthful contour overnight. Stroke up and down.

If you imagine a spare chin is forming, pick up the soft under-slung flesh and pinch it between your fingers. Follow along with a bit of knuckling. Use your knuckles, flipping them along from the line of the collarbones to the chin and up toward the ear lobes.

Remove surplus cream, but let a light film remain on overnight. In the morning it will not be necessary to use soap and water. Just dash on water out of the cold water faucet. This sudden chilling will keep tissues firm.

FOOT GLAMOUR

Glove leather pigskin in a rich honey toned beige is the leather selected for an elegant daytime sling pump with draped vamp. The ever popular opera pump is shown in black or navy suede with Italian lace accents on the vamp.

Colony Badminton Championships

U SEI-LIP EDGES OUT JOHNNY POMEROY IN THE MATCH OF THE EVENING

By "ARGONAUT"

Former St Stephen's College schoolboy U Sei-lip held the spotlight in the programme of thrilling matches at the Colony Open Badminton Championships at Taikoo last night when he edged out J. B. Pomeroy, Jr. by 15-12, 15-12 to enter the semi-final of the Men's Junior Singles event.

The classic battle between the two most promising youngsters in the Colony's badminton world produced an exceptionally high standard of badminton. Both displayed a vast variety of forceful, accurate and delightful strokes, which were well backed up by lightning footwork and court coverage.

Pomeroy was slightly the superior in control play, but his accuracy deserted him at the crucial periods.

Much the shorter of the two players, U Sei-lip was more on the run than his opponent throughout the whole match, but his ability to keep up a sustained pressure all throughout with forcing lobs, accurate drops and powerful smashes, aided in no small measure by that most important requirement of competitive play—a great fighting heart—gave him his deserved victory.

In the first set U took a 6-0 lead as Pomeroy opened with a few overhits to the base, and gradually took his lead to 9-4. A change of shuttle at this stage caused U to overlob no less than four times and misjudge two good lob services in succession to allow Pomeroy to draw up to 10-9 and take the score to 12-9 on one service with two good smashes.

U's fighting spirit first came into the picture at this period. After scoring one point on the next changeover of service, he recovered his service after a long rally and, putting everything he had into the last few points, reeled off five points in a row with a barrage of fast drops, lobs and smashes.

The great effort made by U towards the end of the first set began to tell on him in the second set, when Pomeroy settled down to more accurate control play and kept his opponent on the run.

Pomeroy went to a 10-1 lead, but U's fighting spirit was seen at its best at this stage. Recovering his wind, and ignoring coach Robert Tay's advice to throw away the second set, he staged a magnificent recovery to draw to 5-11 and 10-11 on two services.

Two errors by Pomeroy after long rallies saw U taking the lead at 12-11 for the first time in the second set. Pomeroy came back fighting and drew level at 12-12 but sent his next lob service to the half-court for U to put it away with a thunderous smash.

A wide smash by Pomeroy put U into the 13-mark and thrilling rallies at this stage were seen as both players put everything they had into the game.

Pomeroy recovered the service with a perfect net flight, only to see U returning the compliment with as perfectly executed a backhand drop shot. A quick short service by U caught Pomeroy on the wrong foot, forcing him to return wide, and in the rally that followed the next service, Pomeroy smashed into the net to concede set and match to U amidst prolonged applause, not only for the winner but also for the loser for a magnificent match that will undoubtedly go down into history as one of the best ever seen in the Colony's Junior Championships.

SENIOR SINGLES

Both the top-seeded players, in the Senior Singles event, Ramon Young and Robert Tay, got through comfortably in their opening rounds, Ramon Young eliminating Bill Gillies by 15-6, 15-6 and Tay disposing of Ko Wai-bong by 15-6, 15-4.

Third-seeded W. F. Foo, however, received a rude shock before qualifying for the next round, coming very near the verge of defeat at the hands of second-seeded Junior player Jimmy Khoo.

Khoo confounded critics by producing his best form so far in the Championships to extend Foo to three marathon sets which ended with both players just barely able to stand on their feet.

Foo surprisingly stood up to the terrific pace set and maintained by Khoo, and was able to pull through on his greater experience.

Khoo kept neck to neck to 11-11 in the first set, but fell to a change of tactics by his opponent whose sudden drive services and smashes caught him unprepared and enabled Foo to take four points in a row for set.

Pinning his opponent to the base with accurate forcing lobs, and interspersing these with frequent drops and smashes, Khoo took a 5-1 and 11-2 lead in the second set and never looked back until set was reached at 15-7.

Adopting the same tactics, Khoo jumped to a 6-2 and 8-4 lead in the deciding set, but Foo drew up to 7-8 and 8-10. Again Khoo was not equal to the change of tactics by his opponent as Foo suddenly forewent his lobbing game and reverted to a short game of drop shots.

Khoo, instead of countering these with drops, pushed them time and again to a waiting Foo at the base, to allow his opponent to control the game. Foo forged ahead to 12-11, and despite a gallant effort by Khoo in drawing up to 12-12, took the next three points in a row for set and match.

In the other Senior Singles match of the evening, Recrelo's J. A. Soares failed to reproduce the form that gave him a League match triumph against University's H. T. Heah, losing to the undergrad by 9-15, 3-15.

Soares put up a strong challenge in the first set when he drew up from 1-9 to 8-9, but from then on succumbed to Heah's flow of attractive and accurate all-round strokes.

SPIRITED STAND

The husband and wife combination of H. F. Gonsalves and Mrs Gonsalves made a gracious exit from the Senior Mixed Doubles event when they lost to the more experienced pair of P. H. Wong and Ulian Khoo by 12-15 and 11-15 after a spirited stand.

Wong's superiority in the back court with his half-court cross smashes and full diagonal drives proved the deciding factor.

In her first appearance in this year's Championships, the Colony Ladies' Champion, Ulian Khoo, gave an impressive performance, and showed more accuracy in her services and net shots yesterday.

Though holding more than her own in the rallies, Mylthie Gonsalves' services deserted her yesterday, being more often than not prey to Wong's service rushes.

Mamie Gonsalves gave a plucky performance, but was greatly handicapped by a tendency to put everything he had into one shot, leaving him off balance and out of position on most occasions.

Here, perhaps, the advice of Wong Peng-Soon and Dave Freeman may not be out of place: "In the Singles and to a large extent also in the Mixed Doubles control and accuracy is the most important factor. A drive or a smash is very seldom a full one and in the majority of cases is only a three-quarter one, speed and force being sacrificed for ability to recover and accuracy of placement".

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Men's Senior Singles: F. M. Rosario beat Lo Chung-hon 15-2, 15-2; Robert Tay beat Ko Wai-bong 15-6, 15-4; Ramon Young beat W. Gillies 15-6, 15-6; H. T. Heah beat J. A. Soares 15-9, 15-3; W. F. Foo beat Jimmy Khoo 11-15, 15-11, 15-12.

Men's Junior Singles: U Sei-lip beat J. B. Pomeroy Jr. 15-12, 15-12.

Senior Ladies' Doubles: Helen Kwong and Mrs E. Tsok beat Mrs Y Quinn and Mrs M. Soares 15-3, 15-4.

Senior Mixed Doubles: Patrick Wong and Ulian Khoo beat Mr & Mrs H. F. Gonsalves 15-12, 15-11.

TONIGHT'S MATCHES
(At Taikoo)

Senior Ladies' Doubles
6.30 p.m.—Mrs T. C. Chan and Mrs S. Wong v. S. Correa and Mrs M. Rosario.

Senior Ladies' Singles
7 p.m.—Mrs T. C. Chan v. Ulian Khoo.

Junior Men's Singles
7.30 p.m.—J. Khoo v. R. Linsey.

Junior Men's Doubles
8 p.m.—H. J. Xavier and B. Brown v. E. Ribeiro and E. Remedios.

Junior Ladies' Singles
8.30 p.m.—Florence Heng v. B. Baptista.

Senior Men's Doubles
9 p.m.—M. T. Lam and Wong Kai-cheong v. J. A. Soares and J. Pomeroy, Jr.

Senior Mixed Doubles
9.30 p.m.—Helen Kwong and W. F. Foo v. S. Correa and W. Gillies.

Senior Men's Doubles
10 p.m.—R. Tay and P. H. Wong v. F. M. Rozario and A. J. Souza.

SCHOOL EVENTS

In the annual Hongkong Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Badminton Championships two girls from the French Convent won the Girls' Doubles and Singles Championship played at the Diocesan Boys' School yesterday.

The girls were Miss Mary Wong and Miss May Wong.

Playing together, they beat Miss M.C. Basto (MKL) and Miss S. Collaco (SMS) 15-2, 15-11 in the Doubles, and playing each other, Mary Wong beat May Wong in the singles, 12-11, 11-5.

In the doubles they beat Miss Basto and Miss Collaco quite easily in the first set but they had a tougher time in the second and had to climb up from 9-11 to win this set and the match.

In the Boys' Senior Singles section, the surprise of the evening was the defeat of U Sei-ching (SSC) by Tai Hon-lee (St Joseph's) 15-8, 16-11.

The results were:

Schoolgirls' Doubles Final: May Wong and Mary Wong (FC) beat M.C. Basto (MKL) and S. Collaco (SMS) 15-2, 15-11.

Schoolgirls' Singles Final: Mary Wong beat May Wong 12-11, 11-5.

Schoolboys' Senior Singles: Long Hin-jok (DBS) beat Li Sik-chuen (DBS) 15-5, 15-8; Tai Hon-lee (SJC) beat U Sei-ching (SSC) 15-8, 16-11; Ko Wai-bong (WY Kln) beat Tai Tsik-seng (SSC) 15-4, 15-11.

Schoolboys' Junior Singles: Shiu Man-ching (SSC) beat Fung Wing (Clementi) 15-0, 15-6; Chau San-lam (Clementi) beat James Lai (WY Kln) 15-3, 15-4.

Home Soccer Results

London, Mar. 18.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

DIVISION I

Charlton	5	Aston Villa	1

DIVISION III (Southern)

Swindon	1	Leyton O.	1

SCOTTISH DIVISION "A"

Dundee	3	T. Lanark	0
Celtic	0	Airdrie.	1
Raith Rovers	3	Rangers	1

SCOTTISH CUP
Fourth Round Replay

Aberdeen	2	Hibernian	0

Aberdeen now meet Third Lanark in the semi-final at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on April 4.—Reuter.

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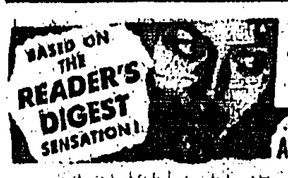

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OXFORD ON THE TIDEWAY

A busy morning on the river. All the Tideway crews were going out when the Oxford Boat Race crew took to the water for a training spin.
Photograph shows the last man aboard, Stroke J. S. Howles, stepping into the boat ready for the morning's training run on the river at Putney.

HAROLD MAYES Talking Sport

A Manager And A Referee Look At The Decline Of British Boxing

"Don't blame the tax—blame the fact that there are fewer good boxers than there have ever been for the present situation." That, my friends, is the verdict of a boxer's manager.

And not, I might add, one of the also-rans. He happens to control a fighter with just about the greatest potential of all the home talent around today.

"Everywhere I go," he continued, "it becomes more and more obvious that the standard is declining. And I am convinced that, tax or no tax, the public will turn up if the fare served up for them is good enough.

"But is it good enough? Personally, I don't think so. I saw a full house at a recent show which, on paper, looked a good 'un. It was left to a couple of youngsters to save the whole bill from being a complete frost.

TAX RELIEF NEEDED

"Do you think the people who watched that programme will be falling over themselves to watch the next show at the same place? Not on your life. And I, for one, although I'm talking against myself wouldn't blame them.

"Sure, the first step to help to put things right is for boxing to get some tax relief—if it doesn't it will surely die a not-so-lingering death. And I shall be one of the first to get out—but right now I would say that if there's one thing boxing needs more than another at this moment, it's—boxers" he concluded.

Strong words, but how true. It's more than coincidence that we have to get into March before hitting upon the first major shows of this year, and it's obvious that promoters, the chaps who have to foot the bill if the public won't, are taking no chances.

And I don't blame them. How long, for example, since we got to mid-March before there was a big promotion from Jack Solomons? The best part of some time. And when Jack does get around to it, he's got at least three fights worthy of being stamped top-liners on the same bill. That tells its own tale.

I asked a referee what he had to say about it, thinking that the third man, after all, is the one who see fighters in sharper relief than even the paying customers.

He agreed with the manager about the decline, but was more concerned about the decline in the standard of refereeing. "How can you expect to encourage more boxers if they see others getting bad decisions?" was his way of putting it.

Why does he think the standard is not so hot? Well, he blames it on the rota system, as a result of which, he claims, all referees, good or not good, must be "carried" until they retire.

"Under this system referees are fortunate if they get ten contests to referee in a year and, however good a man might be, I contend that isn't enough to enable him to keep up a high standard," he added.

GETTING IT BOTH WAYS

Boxing referees, of course, are not like their Soccer counterparts who have another outlet. For there's no doubt there that the whistage, meaning the loss of younger men after three or four years with the whistle, is not wastage at all, but a loss to Sunday football.

One referee was telling me that fellows who can get only eight to ten bob for taking charge of junior games on Saturdays—if they get as much as that—are having no difficulty in getting from thirty bob to £2—or even up to £3, with travelling expenses added, for Sunday football.

Obviously, they think that the Saturday shortage means that authority will turn a blind eye to their doings, but it looks as if this is a problem which has to be tackled quickly by the Football Association.

How? Either by countenancing Sunday football or by finding the back-sliders and punishing them so heavily that it will act as a deterrent. They can't go on getting the best of two worlds.

HAT TRICK IN ARMY MATCH

Playing in an Army League match at the Club de Recrelo yesterday, 33 General Hospital beat 6 COD by three wickets.

A feature of the match was the excellent bowling of Hampton for Hospital. He took seven wickets for 17 runs, four of his victims falling off consecutive balls. The last six COD wickets fell for only four runs.

6 COD

Holmes, c Wiseman, b Colley	12
Hamilton, b Hampton	9
Spurr, lbw, b Hampton	4
Harding, c Wiseman, b Hampton	4
Potts, c Wiseman, b Hampton	2
Goater, c Boyle, b Colley	0
Taggart, c Hammerton, b Hampton	0
Roberts, not out	1
Phillips, b Hampton	0
Ragsdale, b Hampton	0
Reed, b Colley	0
Extras	5
Total	37

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Hampton	9	3	17	7
Colley	8	2	15	3

33 General Hospital

Capt Reader, b Taggart	9
Colley, b Reed	3
White, run out	9
Salisbury, b Taggart	1
Wiseman, b Reed	2
Hampton, not out	4
Mason, b Taggart	4
Wimms, b Taggart	0
Boyle, not out	0
Extras	7
Total (for 7 wkts)	39

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Reed	9	2	21	3
Taggart	9	3	10	4

Heavy Betting On Nahar To Win The Lincolnshire

London, Mar. 18.

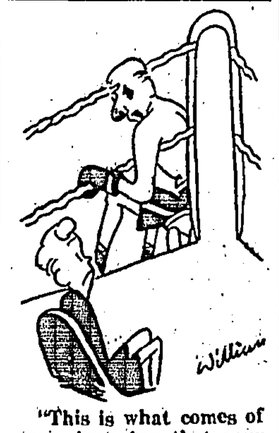
Heavy betting on the Aly Khan's French-trained Nahar for the Lincolnshire Handicap was reflected at the callover here tonight. Before hardening a point to 9 to 1 favourite, the six-year-old had been backed to win £7,000.

Twenty-one Lincolnshire candidates were quoted and all were well supported.

Business on the Grand National Steeplechase was comparatively quiet. There was a fair amount of money for Baire, a 50 to 1 chance.

Closing quotations were:
Lincolnshire Handicap (March 25)
9 to 1 Nahar,
100 to 7 Fastnet Rock and Kara Tepe,
100 to 6 Garrison Hack,
18 to 1 Valdesco,
22 to 1 Dark Millionaire and Stranger,
25 to 1 Chivalry,
28 to 1 Cap of Gold and Pelby,
33 to 1 Sailing Light, The North and Silver Span,
40 to 1 Plymouth Fair, Merry Minstrel, Streatley and Guildhall Street,
50 to 1 Argol.

Grand National (March 28)
100 to 7 Early Mist and Lucky Dome,
100 to 6 Little Yid, Witty and Whispering Steel,
20-1 Cardinal Error and Wot No Sun,
22-1 Glen Fire, Mont Tremblant,
33-1 Stormhead, Parasol, Quite Naturally and Ordnance,
50-1 Baire and Hill Crest.—Reuter.



"This is what comes of your bragging that your father can lick anybody's

Home Rugger Results

London, Mar. 18.

The following were the results of rugby matches played today:

Rugby Union Hospitals Cup Final
St. Mary's Hospital 14, London Hospital 6 (played at Richmond)

Rugby Union Club Matches
Civil Service 3, Royal Air Force 14;
Cheltenham 8, Newbridge 5;
Queen's University 8, Oxford University 8;
Newton Abbot 13, University College of S.W. Exeter 0;
St. Ives 6, Cross Keys 0.

Rugby League
Leeds 33, York 19.—Reuter.

OXFORD CREW AGAIN BREAK A RECORD

London, Mar. 18.

The Oxford University boat race crew, who are proving exceptionally fast, broke another record on the Thames tideway today when they rowed from Chiswick Steps to Barnes Bridge, approximately one mile, in 3 minutes 42.5 seconds.

The previous best time was three minutes 57 seconds by Cambridge in 1935.

The Cambridge crew had a narrow escape when a following launch touched the bow of their boat. But the collision was a slight one and no damage was done.

The boat race is to be rowed on March 28.—Reuter.

HASHIM KHAN AND HIS RELATIVES ARE LIKELY TO KEEP DOMINATING SQUASH

Says BRUCE HARRIS

To Hashim Khan, from Pakistan, winner of the Professional Squash Rackets Championship of the British Isles for the third year in succession, I put this question.

"What makes a World Champion?"

"Speed, stamina, brains," he replied.

I put the obvious "supplementary." "Have not Englishmen got speed, stamina, brains?"

He laughed. "Not enough of them perhaps," said he.

No, he was not showing a "guid conceit o' himself." He spoke jocularly, labouring under the difficulty of English speech less adequate than his squash. But does the comment explain why in squash, as in badminton, the men from the East sweep the board? In lawn tennis they do not.

Hashim Khan, 37, smallish, mercurial, black-moustached Pakistanian from Peshawar, has already won the British Open and Professional Championship twice each.

NOT EVEN ONE

Last season he did not lose even a game in the four rounds of the Open. In the business of banging bewilderingly a small, black rubber ball against a wall, with complex aid on bound and rebound from three other walls, Khan is unexcelled in the world. That, in simple terms, is what constitutes squash rackets.

A business it certainly is with him, for when he is not teaching air force cadets in Peshawar he is touring the world with his rackets, and not without profit. He told me that his government not only paid his air passage to and from England, but allowed him £500 for his expenses and something else to keep his home going in Peshawar.

Imagine a British Government sending a squash pro. to Pakistan.

Recently, Hashim Khan had a triumphal tour of Australia, New Zealand, Malaya, Indonesia and Burma. He did not lose a game or a moment. In New Zealand in particular, "exhibitions" crowded on him thick and fast.

IN THE FAMILY

This spring our Home players, in the present Professional Championship and the Open Championship, beginning March 25, have to contend not only with Hashim Khan, but with a bunch of his relatives.

Abdul Bari from Bombay — now professional at the Junior Carlton—is his cousin. Bari was runner-up to him in the Professional Championships two years ago. A. Khan, from Pakistan, is a brother of Hashim. Saifrullah, from the same country, is a brother-in-law.

When the older Pakistanis begin to fade out there is another one to follow along the royal line of Champions—one, Rosham Khan, aged 25, the present Champion in Hashim's absence.

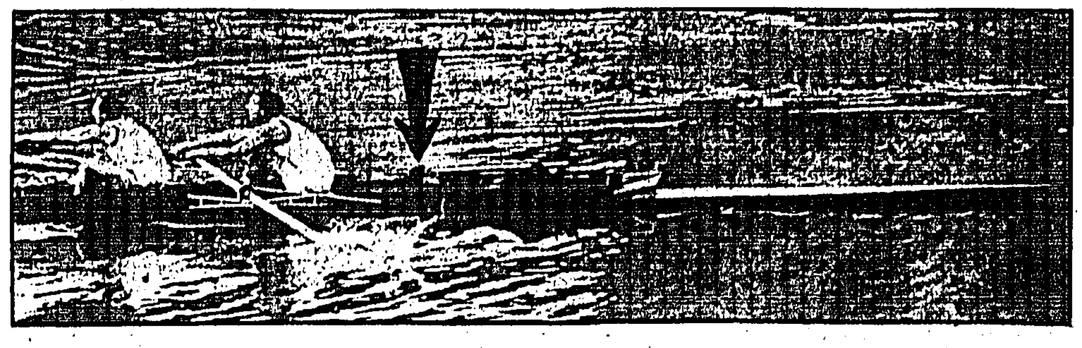
Twenty-five years ago Hashim Khan began his squash rackets by saving up his school "dinner money" for lessons in the game.

At the other end of the age scale the 75-year-old father of Bari is still playing squash "for exercise." The sort of keenness that brings nations to the top.—London Express Service.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

ASK YOUR DRYCLEANER for THE "Kill-Dew" SERVICE

WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE POOR COXSWAIN NEXT?



By HYLTON CLEAVER

George von Opel, a German oarsman, decided that the coxswain sat the wrong end of the boat. So he built a craft (pictured at the top of the page) in which cox lies on his back behind a windscreen at the "sharp" end.

Here he offers no wind resistance; does not have to bob to and fro like a boy on a bicycle, and does not even have to handle rudder-lines. He simply operates a hinged fin by means of a lever.

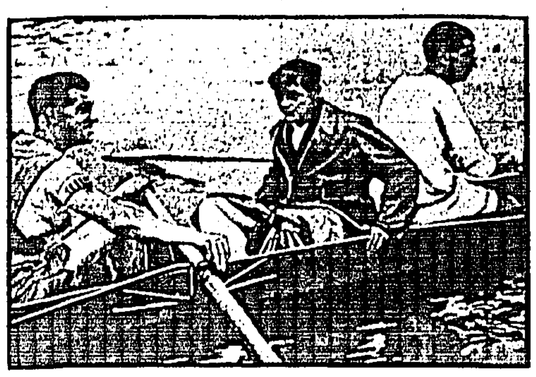
TOO COSTLY

German tests have proved that this is highly beneficial over a long course. They offered to lend one for the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race on March 28, but it was too costly to bring it over here.

This is not the first time those who think deeply about rowing when out of the boat, have wondered what to do with cox.

A coach in this country decided that eight men should never apply their weight simultaneously to the blades; but, like an eight-cylinder engine, should "fire" in turn.

He invented "syncopated" rowing in which each pair of oars-



men "fired" in rotation. Thus there was never a time when two blades were not in the water. It meant a rearrangement of seating, and cox was therefore moved to the middle of the boat.

Above is the London Rowing Club eight which gave the idea a serious test at Putney, cox on this occasion being Edwin Phelps, who is now building boats himself.

U.S. CONTRIBUTION

Fours and pairs dispense with cox at Henley. One of the oars-men steers by rudder lines attached to one foot. But eights are almost impossible to manoeuvre without a jockey.

Whether he should sit at the tail-end (as pictured on the left) or up, as it were, by the withers, is the question.

Only contribution made to the problem by the USA comes after they win a race. Then they traditionally throw cox in. He had nothing to do with the victory anyway!

—(London Express Service)

Melbourne Losing The Games

Canberra, Mar. 18.

The Cabinet, it was learned authoritatively today, rejected a plan to turn troops out of barracks in Melbourne to make room for athletes coming to the 1956 Olympic Games.

Mr Percy W. Nette, Organising Secretary of the Games Control Committee, had said on Monday that the barracks were Melbourne's "last hope" as a village for the athletes, and if they were not available Melbourne would lose the honour of staging the 1956 Games.

Mr R. C. Menzies, the Prime Minister, told the House of Representatives: "While we value the Olympic Games there is no earthly reason why they should not be accommodated in Melbourne as part of the housing programme.

—"We are not prepared to give the Olympic Games priority over the defence effort of this country in a time of national tension, which, for all we know, may have to be intensified."

Mr Menzies was understood to have in mind a plan for guaranteeing the Victoria State Government against the loss of rentals on newly built houses which could accommodate the athletes until civilians took them over.

Service Ministers had estimated that it would take possibly three years to provide alternative accommodation for the troops, and the Service chiefs decided to tell the Cabinet the proposal was impracticable.

Mr A.W. Coles, Chairman of the Olympic Organising Committee, flew to Canberra from Melbourne to try to persuade Cabinet Ministers to lease the barracks in the Melbourne suburb of Albert Park.

Mr Nette had pointed out that a report on Melbourne's arrangements for the International Olympic Committee had to be completed by Friday in readiness for the Committee's meeting in Mexico City in mid-April.—Reuter.

K. C. Tsui Wins Junior Billiards Championship

In the final of the Junior Billiards Championship played at the Club Lusitano last night, K.C. Tsui beat K.Y. Chiu 750 to 582. Both players are members of the Eastern Athletic Club.

At the start, Chiu took a lead of 65-54, but Tsui fought back to an 81-70 lead and eventually reached 100 with a break of 35. He followed this up with another break of 31 to hold a big lead of 157-86. He went on to increase this to 200-110.

Chiu tried very hard, and kept cutting down his opponent's lead. Then, in one of the best breaks of the evening, Tsui chalked up another 41, taking his score from 270 to 311.

The interval came with the score at 375 to 279 in Tsui's favour. He maintained his good play after the interval to win the title.

TRANSFER FEES ARE NOT SO MAD—THE BIG SUMS ARE PAID FOR VITAL COGS

Says TOM FINNEY

When Tommy Taylor left his native Barnsley for Manchester United, a large body of opinion thought the transfer market was going mad. A fee reported to be in the region of £30,000 was a great deal of money for a lad not yet 21. Yet Mr Matt Busby, United's manager who paid out this huge cheque, is one of the shrewdest men in the game. Make no mistake! There is considerable method in his apparent madness.

First of all the cost to the First Division club is nothing like £30,000. One manager friend of mine who was offering in the region of £25,000 for Taylor explained it this way. "We are showing a fair profit on the season," he said. "I have sold a player or two and the gates have been good. Our financial year ends soon—and unless we spend some of the cash it will go to the Government in tax."

He reckoned that almost half the money paid for Taylor would otherwise have gone to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I think he is quite right when he suggests that it is in Soccer's interests to keep that £15,000 in the game—in this case in the Barnsley "kitty" which, according to the directors, was almost dry.

NEW INTEREST

So far then young Tommy, a direct, dangerous type of inside-forward, has cut his price tag to £15 000. That, according to my manager friend, is not the end of it. United found themselves with a spare forward, Johnny Downie. If he wants to leave Old Trafford, Johnny can remove another £10,000 from the price. And, of course, Taylor's arrival will stimulate new interest in United. It is not stretching the matter too far to suggest that he will draw the odd £5,000 in extra customers through the turnstiles.

So, by and large, there is no question of Mr Matt Busby's assets suffering a £30,000 knock. Moreover, a club is sometimes forced to pay big money to get one player who is vitally essential to their particular style of play. Without this all-important cog, the machine will fall to pieces.

INDISPENSABLE COG

Perhaps Arsenal provides the finest example. Their own particular brand of football depends on the third-back defensive plan first suggested to Herbert Chapman by Charlie Buchan some 23 years ago. Here the indispensable cog is an inside-forward able to hold the ball while his fellow-attackers move up into position.

So it was that Alex James, the greatest wee fellow of them all, was purchased from Preston for a big fee. And when he finished, Mr Chapman decided that Bryn Jones, the wonderful Welshman, would fill the gap. So Arsenal paid Wolves a record fee at that time to secure him.

Bryn did not find his finest form at Highbury. He was followed by Jimmy Logie, once a bricklayer in Edinburgh. Jimmy cost Arsenal only £35 when they spotted him at Lochore Welfare in 1939. Jimmy now is no young lad. When finally he hangs up his boots, Arsenal may spend a big amount for a player of similar style and ability.

They may be lucky enough to have one among their juniors. But if not, there are few with other clubs who can fill the bill. And when any commodity is in short supply, prices go up.

JOHNNY BROOKS ANOTHER

Tottenham also illustrate my point. They have their own particular brand of inside-forward who moves the ball accurately and quickly. Already manager Arthur Rowe has budgeted for the day when Eddie Baily, Les Bennett, and little Tommy Harmer disappear from the Soccer scene.

Almost unnoticed, he stepped in and took from Reading 21-year-old Johnny Brooks, who, I am told, is one of the finest prospects in the country. Mr Rowe parted with Dennis Uphill, Harry Robshaw, two very promising reserves, and a cheque to obtain Brooks.

The total value of that transaction must have been around £20,000—which makes Brooks another of our vital cogs.

Birmingham City, gallant Cup-fighting side from the Second Division, trace the beginning of their successful run to the signing of Peter Murphy, 24-goal inside-left, from Tottenham. Manager Bob Brocklebank, I know, considered Murphy the one man to make his forward line "click". So he was willing to pay heavily, around £18,000 I gather, for his services.

Doubtless Mr Busby rates Taylor in a similar fashion. United's proven style must be continued. Jack Rowley, Stan Pearson and Co. cannot go on for ever. Assuming a football life of 12 seasons, Taylor will not rank as a terribly costly replacement at £2,500 per annum.

Indeed the only thing I can find wrong in the transaction is that young Tommy is only £10 better off as a result. As you perhaps know, I think that the player is entitled to a share in all these big transfers. But that is a different argument.

Floodlighting For Wembley

London, Mar. 18.

Floodlighting is to be installed at Wembley Stadium in the near future.

This was revealed today by Sir Arthur Elvin, Chairman and Managing Director of Wembley Stadium, in his speech at the annual general meeting of shareholders.

"A floodlighting system at the Empire Stadium would permit the playing of football matches at night, and would no doubt result in additional matches being played at Wembley which would otherwise not be possible," he said.

Experiments have already been successfully carried out at Wembley in the past two weeks.—Reuter.

ACTION in the SOUTH PACIFIC

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Royal Hongkong Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 11. Orders issued by Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated March 17, 1953.

Force Orders

Annual Review Sunday, March 29, 1953. (a) All personnel detailed to take part in the Review will be present at Headquarters RHKDF by 9.10 a.m. on Sunday, March 29 at the latest. (b) 1st transport will leave MPG at 8.30 a.m. Last transport will leave MPG at 8.45 a.m. (c) Dress: As ordered in Unit Orders. Medals will be worn by those in possession. (d) Turnout: A first class turnout is expected. In particular uniform will be pressed, belts and anklets and rifle slings freshly blancoed, brasses and boots highly polished. (e) It is anticipated that the Review will conclude by 11.45 a.m. All ranks should therefore be free (after handing in rifles etc.) by 12.30 p.m.

Review Rehearsals. All personnel will parade at HQ RHKDF on Wednesday and Friday, March 25 and 27 at 5.30 p.m. Sharp. Last transport will leave MPG on both days at 5.20 p.m. Dress: As ordered in Unit Orders. Medals will be worn on Rehearsal on Wednesday, March 25, 1953. Cars: Private cars will be parked in Morrison Hill Road. No cars will be parked at Headquarters or Sports Path.

Salaries And Annuities Tax—Training And Camp Pay. Training and camp pay is not exempt from Salaries and Annuities Tax and members of the RHKDF must show the amount received in any return which they may be required to submit to the Inland Revenue Department for the purposes of either Salaries and Annuities Tax or Personal Assessment.

Force Headquarters

Int Unit. HQ Pl: No parade Tuesday, March 24, 1953. Parade HQ RHKDF Wednesday and Friday, March 25 and 27 at 5.30 p.m. Sharp for Review Rehearsals. Dress: As ordered in Unit Orders. Last tpt will leave MPG at 5.20 p.m. Recce Pl: Parade HQ RHKDF Wednesday and Friday, March 25 and 27 at 5.30 p.m. Sharp for Review Rehearsals. Dress: As ordered in Unit Orders. Last tpt will leave MPG at 5.30 p.m.

Fd Gunnery Tp. No parade Thursday, March 26, 1953. All ranks will parade HQ RHKDF Wednesday and Friday, March 25 and 27 at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Review Rehearsals. Dress: As ordered in Unit Orders. Last tpt will leave MPG at 5.20 p.m. C & R Tp. Parade HQ RHKDF Wednesday and Friday, March 25 and 27 at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Review Rehearsals. Dress: As ordered in Unit Orders. Last tpt will leave MPG at 5.20 p.m.

Hongkong Regiment

Duties: Orderly Officer of the Week—Lt J.W. Kirk. Next for duty—Lt L.A. Fox Orderly Sergeant of the Week—Sgt F.J. Anslow. Next for duty—Sgt C.N. Barovsky.

Review Rehearsals. All Ranks will parade at HQ RHKDF on Wednesday and Friday, March 25 and 27 at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Last tpt will leave MPG on both days at 5.20 p.m. Dress: Offrs. Clean fatigue, blue berets, brown boots. ORs. Clean fatigue, blue berets, rifle slings and bayonet frogs. Medals: Will be worn in Rehearsal on Wednesday March 25, 1953. Cars. Private cars will be parked in Morrison Hill Road. No cars will be parked at HQ or Sports Path.

Training. "A" Coy—2d Day—Sunday, March 22—Lmg Classification. RV 8.30 a.m. at WD Car Park, Kowloon. Dress: Battle Dress less steel helmets, OG slacks and shirts, berets worn and jungle hats in haversacks. "C" Coy—Fd Day—Tuesday, March 24—Lmg Classification. RV 8.30 a.m. at WD Car Park, Kowloon. Dress: Battle Dress less steel helmets, berets worn and jungle hats in haversacks. "B" Coy—2d Day—Wednesday, March 25—Lmg Classification. RV 8.30 a.m. at WD Car Park, Kowloon. Dress: Battle Order less steel helmets, OG slacks and shirts, berets worn and jungle hats in haversacks. Asst Pnr and Def Pls—Fd Day—Monday, March 23—LMG Classification. RV 8.30 a.m. at WD Car Park, Kowloon. Dress: Battle Order less steel helmets, OG slacks and shirts, berets worn and jungle hats in haversacks.

Presentation Of Prizes. The Presentation of Prizes by HE The Governor is on Friday, March 20 at KCC 8 p.m. Details of the above and tickets will be sold, after the parade on Thursday, March 19.

Hongkong A.A.F.

Trade Training: Clerks G.D. Monday, March 23—HQ RHKDF—8.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 8.30 p.m. Clerks G.D. Tuesday, March 24—HQ RHKDF—8.30 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 8.30 p.m. Police Course. Tuesday, March 24—No. 5 RAF Police Battle—8.30 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Medical Orderlies. Monday, March 23—Queen Mary Hospital—8 a.m.—Full Day Training. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Thursday, March 26—Windsor House 5.15 p.m.—Dr Runner. Radar Operators. Tuesday, March 24—"C" Watch—Full Day Training—Radar Stn—8 a.m. Transport leaves HQ RHKDF at 8 a.m. and Star Ferry at 8.15 a.m. Thursday, March 26—"A" Watch—Half Day Training—SOR—8 a.m. Assemble Murray Parade Ground and march to SOR. Friday, March 27—A, B, C Watches 5.30 p.m.—HQ RHKDF. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Fighter Plotters. Monday, March 23—A & B Watches—5.45 p.m.—HQ RHKDF. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Fighter Plotters. Monday, March 23—A & B Watches—5.45 p.m.—HQ RHKDF. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 — A & B Watches — 5.30 p.m. — HQ RHKDF. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Friday, March 27—A & B Watches—5.30 p.m. HQ RHKDF. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Wireless Operators. Friday, March 20 — RAF Kai Tak—9 a.m.—Full Day Training. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Wednesday, March 25—HQ RHKDF—8.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. MT Drivers. Sunday, March 22—RAF Kai Tak—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Equipment Section. Tuesday, March 24—RAF Kai Tak — 6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Fighter Controllers. Tuesday, March 24—"B" Watches—Half Day Training—Radar Stn—8 a.m. Transport leaves HQ RHKDF at 8 a.m. A.T.C. Section. Tuesday, March 24—"B" Watch—Sek Kong — Full Day — 8.15 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.15 a.m. Friday, March 27—A, B, C, D Watches—Kai Tak—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Photographers. Sunday, March 22 — Kai Tak — Half Day — 2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Friday, March 27—Kai Tak, Photo Sect.—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Groundcrew. Friday, March 27 — A & B Flights — HKAAF Hangar — 6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Saturday, March 28—"A" Flight — HKAAF Hangar — 2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday, March 29 — "B" Flight HKAAF Hangar—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m.

Flying Programme: Thursday, March 26 — Ground lecture — "A" & "B" Flights Aircrew — All Pilots — HQ RHKDF—6 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Saturday, March 28—"A" Flight Aircrew—HKAAF Hangar—2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday, March 29—"B" Flight Aircrew—HKAAF Hangar—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m.

Identity Cards: Identity cards are now ready for collection at HQ HKAAF by the following personnel. P/O I.R.S. Robertson, AC R.E. Moore, LAC C. Kong.

Hongkong WAAC

Training. Review Rehearsals: All sections will parade HQ RHKDF on Wednesday, March 25 and Friday, March 27, 1953 at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Last tpt will leave MPG 5.20 p.m. Dress: Uniform. Cookery, Stores, First Aid Sections will parade Monday, March 23, 1953 at HQ RHKDF at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Uniform. All other parades for this week are cancelled.

C. P. VAUCHAN, Lieut-Col.,
Deputy Commandant,
R.H.K.D.F.

NOTICES

.22 Rifle Shooting. The Results of the match which took place on March 9, 1953 were as follows:—RHKDF 566 v HK Club 561, RAF 565 v Army "A" 558, HK Police Reserve 531 v Royal Navy 538, Army "B" 537 v HK Police Reg 528. The individual scores for RHKDF team were as follows:—Lt A.P. Pereira 95, Cpl H. A. Souza 96, Pte H.E. Hyndman 97, CSM G.A. Lemay 90, Cpl G.N. Gosano 95, L/Sjt R.F. Remedios 87.

Availability Of Coronation Crowns: It is notified for information that although the last date for ordering of Coronation Crowns, ie. December 31, 1952 has now passed, an additional quantity of these coins are being struck.

The total number now being struck is four million, of which over one million were still available for ordering on February 12, 1953. The coins will be issued on the principle of "first come first served" and no guarantee can be given that they will be available before the Coronation.

It is thought that the short notice in the first instance, due to the delay in arrival of UK newspapers at overseas stations, may have precluded full orders for requirements from being made. Orders for Coronation Crowns needed, additional to those already placed, should be made through banks in the United Kingdom without delay.

RHKDF Presentation Of Prizes: Tickets for RHKDF Presentation of Prizes at KCC on Friday, March 20 at 8 p.m. are now available from the Adjutant HKAAF at Headquarters, Happy Valley at $2 each ticket.

Stamp Circle: The Adjutant HKAAF invites personnel interested in philately to form a "Stamp Circle." Stamps surplus to members requirements will be disposed of for charitable causes.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE ORDERS

Order issued by Comm. D. W. MacIntosh, CMG, OBE, Knight of Grace, Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District Order No. 12/53 dated March 19, 1953.

Ambulance Duties — Hongkong.—22.3.53-28.3.53, Causeway Bay Div. & Central Nsg. Div; 29.3.53-4.4.53, Western Dist. Div., Central Nsg. Div. (For March 1953); King's College Nsg. Div. (For April 1953).

Ambulance Duties — Kowloon.—23.3.53-29.3.53, Tsimshatsui Div. & Waterloo Nsg. Div.; 30.3.53-5.4.53, Kowloon Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div.; Waterloo Nsg. Div. (For March 1953); Kowloon Y.M.C.A. Nsg. Div. (For April 1953).

Penetration Squad Duties.—22.3.53, Dr S. Y. Cheng, Dentist Poon Lam Fong & S.C.A.A. Nsg. Div.; 29.3.53, Dentist Shum Koon-ying & S.C.A.A. Nsg. Div.

Race Duties.—21.3.53, 1 p.m., Wanchai "A" Div., (Course), S.C.A.A. Div. (H.Q.); 4.4.53, 1 p.m., S.C.A.A. Div. (Course), Wanchai "A" Div. (H.Q.);

Street Sleepers' Shelter Duties—March 1953.—King's College Nursing Division.

Homantin Refugees Camp Duties—Argyle St Kowloon.—20.3.53, Shamshuipo Amb. Division; 24.3.53, Kowloon YMCA Amb. Division.

Leave.—A.C. Fung Ying-fan leave for four months w.e.f. 15.4.53.

Resignation. — Pte Lai Kin-man, Kowloon YMCA Amb. Div., resigned w.e.f. 1.3.53; Cpl Lo Kam-tong, Chung Sing Amb. Div., resigned w.e.f. 5.3.53; Pte Ko Nam, Eastern Amb. Div., resigned w.e.f. 5.3.53.

Enrolment.—South China Athletic Assn. Nsg. Div.—Amb/Sis's. Ho Miu-yuk, Fung Yuk-ping, Chan Waifong, Chan Tak-ching, Yung Waifong, Fong Jack-ha, Lam Lai-lai, Poon Suit-yuk, Tang Yuen-lin enrolled w.e.f.—13.3.53.

Football Duties—22.3.53, 3.45 p.m., Navy, Confucian.

Fung Ping Fan, O.St.J.,
Assistant Commissioner,
Colony Headquarters,
St. J. A. B.

LOST

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Oh dear, I've been a naughty boy again slipping out of grounds at nights to visit my chums around Kowloon Tong, but I could always find my way back before. Now, last Thursday night proved to be a fatal escapade. I don't know what came over me. I either roamed too far away and got tired and someone felt sorry for me and took me home or I have been stolen. Maybe I have even got hurt in trying to find my way back home. I don't know where I am.

How I wish I could go home to my master, mistress and the little girl who love me and are as sad as I am. Will any kind folks who have seen me or know of my whereabouts please, please, tell my mistress. There is a reward for the kind person who brings me back to them.

Please ring 52232, 38511, or during office hours 37796. THANK YOU.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ELEVENTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 21st March, 1953.

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The programme will consist of 9 races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races—$18.00) also tickets at $2 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 20th March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

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382 Nathan Road, Kowloon

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Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1953 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1953. 1952 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at $10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Compradore Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be $3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

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"PAKHOI"	Sandakan	10 a.m.	24th Mar.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m.	25th Mar.*
"FUNING"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m.	26th Mar.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	30th Mar.
"HANYANG"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Ogaka & Kobe	10 a.m.	31st Mar.
"POYANG"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m.	1st Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m.	1st Apr.*
"FENGTIEN"	Bangkok	8 a.m.	9th Apr.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"SZECHUEN"	Kobe	21st Mar.
"PAKHOI"	Yokohama	22nd Mar.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 23rd Mar.
"FUNING"	Kobe	24th Mar.
"FUKIEN"	Sibu	25th Mar.
"POYANG"	Singapore	26/27th Mar.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	27th Mar.
"HANYANG"	Bangkok	29th Mar.
"FENGTIEN"	Kobe	6th Apr.

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ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	In Port
"CHANGTE"	Australia & Manila	22nd Mar.
"TAIPING"	Yokohama	8 a.m. 23rd Mar.

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"AUTOLYCUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Apr.
"LAOMEDON"	Dublin & Liverpool	24th Apr.
"ANCHISES"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	25th Apr.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

	Sails Liverpool	Sails Rotterdam	Arrives Hong Kong
S. "AUTOLYCUS"	Sailed	—	23rd Mar.
G. "LAOMEDON"	do	—	31st Mar.
S. "ANCHISES"	do	—	9th Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	do	13th Mar.	14th Apr.
S. "ASTYANAX"	do	—	23rd Apr.
G. "AENEAS"	24th Mar.	—	29th Apr.
S. "ASCANIUS"	3rd Apr.	—	8th May
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†"BENARTY"	Genoa, Liverpool, Glasgow and Rotterdam.	10th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin, Antwerp and Hamburg.	21st Apr.
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THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1932 Annual Return Forms are on sale at "S. C. M. Post."

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. S. A. Hussain is no longer connected with this Company.

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Hongkong, 17th Mar., 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per
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s.s. "ARIMA MARU"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and condition of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 20th March, 1953.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th March, 1953, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m.s. "DONA AURORA"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on March 20, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 18, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Hongkong, March 18, 1953.

Joint Food Venture A Failure

London, Mar. 18.

Britain and Queensland lost Australian £257,661 in the last year of their joint food-raising venture, a report showed today.

The scheme, launched in 1948 to produce extra grain and cattle for Britain, was wound up last month with a net deficit of Australian £626,161.

Britain has now pulled out of the plan and the Queensland Government will take over future development.

The Queensland British Food Corporation's last annual report covering the year up to September 30, 1952, issued today, showed that 62,771 acres of sorghum were planted in 1951/52.

But only 27,250 acres were harvested, 5,000 acres failed to germinate due to lack of rain and the rest were grazed off because of insufficient yields.

Britain got 41,243 tons of sorghum from four years' crops. —Reuter.

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1953.

Sedition Charges Brought

Pakistani Newsmen In Court

Karachi, Mar. 18.

The Karachi Magistrate today framed formal charges of sedition and "fomenting hatred between classes of Her Majesty's subjects" against three newspapermen arrested at the end of December and held since then in Karachi gaol.

The accused are Z. A. Sulerl, Editor of the Karachi Evening Times, Khurshid Alan, its printer and publisher, and N. M. Kupt, cartoonist.

One charge says that, on or about December 25, 1952, they wrote, printed and published an editorial side by side with a cartoon intended to illustrate it "in furtherance of a common intention of bringing or attempting to bring into hatred or contempt, and or exciting or attempting to exite disaffection towards the government established by law."

The charge states that the cartoon "is clearly intended to show that six figures depicted in the top portion (four central government Ministers, one provincial Minister and the Editor of the Karachi English-language newspaper Dawn) are responsible for setting Pakistan in flames and for bringing about its internal disorder, and further that this Bengali-dominated government of Pakistan is responsible for chaos, disorder and the demoralisation of the whole country."

The second charge says the accused intended to promote feelings of enmity or hatred against the Bengal section of Her Majesty's subjects.

The six figures in the cartoon were the Prime Minister, Mr Khwaja Nazimuddin, the Labour Minister, Mr A. M. Malik, the Commerce Minister, Mr Fazlur Rhaman, the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Mr Ghyasuddin Pathan, the East Bengal Chief Minister, Mr N. Amin, and the Editor of Dawn, Mr Altaf Hussain. They are all East Bengal Moslems.—Reuter.

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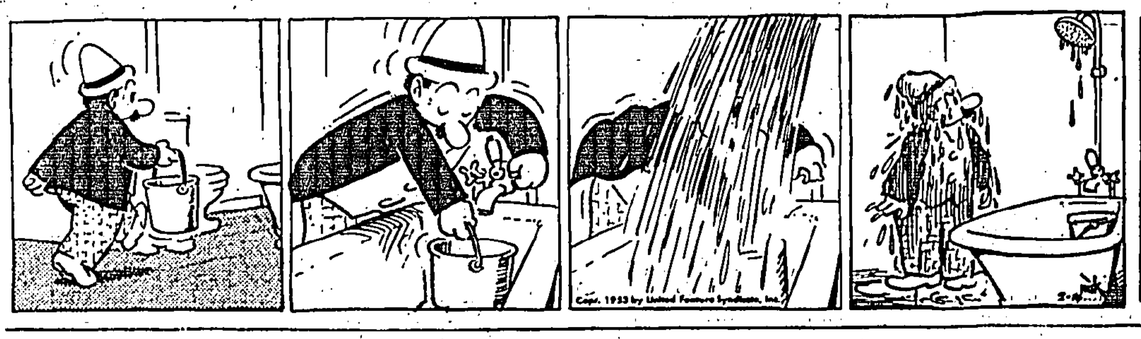

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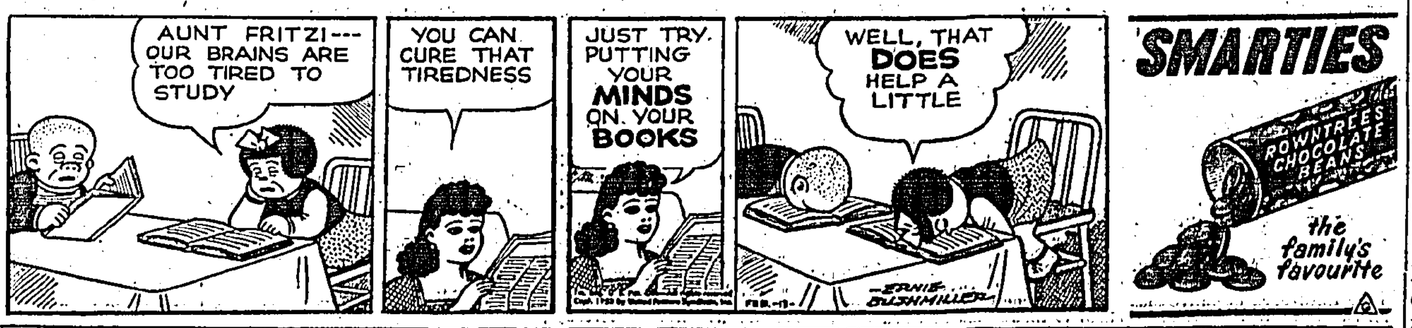

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19
By Air
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m., CPA.
By Surface
Macao, 10.30 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Kwong Fook Cheung/Tak Shing.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
By Air
Formosa, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 9 a.m., C.P.A.
Siam, Burma, India, 9 a.m., T.A.C.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 12.30 p.m., Air France.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m., P.A.A.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m., Q.E.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 10.30 a.m., 6 p.m., ss Kwong Fook Cheung/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Japan, U.S.A., Central & South America, Noon, ss Pres. Taft.
Siam, Noon, ss Produce.
Canada, 1 p.m., ss China Mail.
Malaya, Noon, ss Hailoe.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, Noon, via B.O.A.C.
Siam, 4.30 p.m., Thai Airways.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m., P.A.A.
Formosa, 6 p.m., C.A.T.
Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 10.30 a.m., 6 p.m., ss Kwong Fook Cheung/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., and 6 p.m., train via Canton.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m., ss Breconshire.

British Government And Anglo-Japanese Trade Agreement

London, Mar. 18.

The British Government has not yet decided its attitude towards future trade relations with Japan, but in doing so it will take into account the fact that Japan's right to claim most-favoured-nation treatment from Britain was denied to her under the terms of the Japanese Peace Treaty.

This was stated by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, in reply to a question in the House of Commons.

Lieut-Colonel M. Schofield, Conservative Member for the cotton town of Rochdale, had pointed out that Japan's admission to GATT would enable her to claim the most-favoured-nation treatment denied her under the Peace Treaty.

He asked the President of the Board of Trade to take this into account "in opposing Japan's membership of the organisation."

Mr Thorneycroft agreed that if Britain assumes the obligations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade towards Japan, she would also assume an obligation to accord her most-favoured-nation treatment.

But he reminded the House that the GATT inter-sessional committee had suggested, in its recent report, certain provisions for permitting a suspension of obligations towards any country whose competition caused violent disruption to trade.

"No decisions have been made on this matter," Mr Thorneycroft went on, "and considering these suggestions, we shall certainly take into account the points to which Lieut-Col. Schofield has referred."

MOST POWERFUL

Lieut-Col. Schofield then asked whether Mr Thorneycroft was aware that the right to deny Japan most-favoured-nation treatment is Britain's most powerful weapon against "cut-throat Japanese competition," and that there would be much misgiving in Lancashire if it was thrown away.

Mr Thorneycroft replied that this raised large and complex questions of commercial policy.

Mr Philip Noel-Baker, Socialist, pointed out that while it was important to protect British industries against "unfair Japanese production" through the International Labour Organisation and in other ways, we must nevertheless "hold out the hope of a prosperous future to the Japanese people if they are to remain a democratic and peaceful nation."

Mr Sidney Silverman, Socialist, said it was even more important to guarantee a prosperous future for Lancashire. He asked what steps the Government was taking to prevent Japan "seizing for its own advantage the trade with China, which the policy of the Government has prevented us from doing."

Mr Thorneycroft assured Mr Silverman that he had the interests of Lancashire very close to his heart.—London Express Service.

Harbour Jam

Colombo, Mar. 18.

Ships queued for berths in Colombo harbour today because of jams caused by a wharf workers' "go slow" campaign, now in its ninth day.

The men are demanding a 50 cent (ninepence) midday meal from their employers.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV ORDERS IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

The three-man Yugoslav trade mission will order six 30,000-kilovolt ampere thermal generation plants—the largest the Japanese makers have produced since the war.

The mission, headed by former Vice-Premier Serbia Voja Lekovic, arrived on Monday.

Negotiations on the plant, which costs some $12,000,000 are being conducted between the mission and the Daiichi Trading Company.

According to present plans, the agreement calls for the manufacture of dynamos, turbines and boilers by three separate leading manufacturers in Tokyo and Yokohama.

Other technical points concerning the order are expected to be settled during the current talks. The order calls for the shipment of plants 15 months after the conclusion of the contracts. Settlement of the accounts would be made over five years.

Payment through direct barter or through a triangular trade system with Italy and Spain, with which Yugoslavia has a favourable balance, is also considered. Although there may be some differences on price, it is believed that the contract will be signed during the three-month visit of the mission.

The Yugoslav mission is also expected to order mining machinery and ball bearings.—France-Presse.

Company Chairman Speaks On Capital For The Colonies

London, Mar. 18.

Capital for the development of Colonial industries would not be available from London or anywhere else unless it was offered the opportunity to earn a fair reward.

So said Sir John Hay in his annual chairman's address to the shareholders of Linggi Plantations Limited.

Penal taxation, he argued, was one of the greatest drawbacks to investment of this type.

Taking his own company as an example, Sir John pointed out that U.K. and Malayan taxes absorbed over 70 per cent of last year's profit.

In addition to the taxes to which industry at home was subject—i.e. income tax, profits tax, distribution tax, and excess profits levy — the Malayan plantation rubber industry was subject to heavy export tax calculated on output, irrespective of whether profits are made or not.

"Under this system," said Sir John Hay, "an owner who has replanted his land with high yielding stock has to pay export tax at the rate of, say, 1,200 lbs. per acre.

"An owner who has neglected to do so may pay at the rate of 300 lbs. per acre.

"Thus is efficiency encouraged and rewarded! Verily the ways of modern economic planners are strange and past understanding."

INCENTIVE NEEDED

Sir John recalled that the British Government had promised at the recent Commonwealth Economic Conference to maintain and increase the flow of U.K. capital for overseas development purposes.

But capital from London or elsewhere would not flow unless it was offered incentive in the form of opportunity to earn a fair reward for its expenditure.

What better beginning could be made to this more enlightened policy, Sir John asked, than quick and substantial tax relief to the rubber-producing industry —"the greatest of our existing Colonial enterprises and outstanding dollar earner?"

Discussing the company's financial situation, Sir John said that although last year's crop was 70,000 lbs. higher than in the previous year, such was the decline in the price of rubber that proceeds were nearly £450,000 less.

New India-Pakistan Trade Talks Progressing

New Delhi, Mar. 18.

New trade talks between India and Pakistan have opened in a friendly atmosphere auguring well for a satisfactory agreement which may start coal and jute moving once more between the two countries.

The present talks have momentarily lessened the tension which has embittered relations between the two countries over the past years since partition.

The trend is at present so slight as to be barely perceptible and may ultimately prove illusory, but there has definitely emerged in the past two weeks, in both Press and Parliament, a more friendly tone on both sides.

Members of Parliament in both Delhi and Karachi have recently referred to defence co-operation between two countries.

Mr Nehru too, in a speech yesterday, struck a moderate note emphasising Pakistan's permanent position as India's neighbour.

He appealed to Indians to avoid falling prey to a biased outlook.

This tenuous trend towards friendship is possibly due to the sobering effect of the recent riots in Lahore which made both countries aware of the dangers from an unstable situation arising in Pakistan.

India's feeling is perhaps best indicated by an article yesterday by the political commentator of the Hindustan Times, a newspaper in close touch with Government opinion.

"No one in India is happy about the developments in Pakistan, for only a stable and prosperous Pakistan can pull its weight in the affairs of South-east Asia," the commentator said. —Reuter.

BRITISH CAR EXPORTS

London, Mar. 18.

Britain shipped 3,030 cars to Australia in January, in a month when exports and production were both above the average.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said today the number sent to Australia showed a continued improvement on the low shipment of last August.

During the month, 41,110 cars were produced and the weekly average of commercial vehicles was 5,159.

January exports numbered 21,850 cars valued at £7,700,000.—Reuter.

NY Stock Exchange

New York, Mar. 18.

Stocks moved idly most of the session, leaving the spotlight to specialities. Industrials finished 32 cents lower in the averages. Rails lost 41 cents and utilities four cents.

Of 1,182 issues traded, 479 closed higher, 433 lower and 270 were unchanged. Steels and motors eased.—United Press.

Removal Of U.S. Controls

Appears To Be Working Well

New York, Mar. 18.

The old law of supply and demand has gone back to work in the United States. And, so far, the Government, producers, sellers and consumers appear delighted with the way it is operating.

The new Republican Administration has put the old law to work by removing most Government controls on materials, prices and wages. The controls were invoked some two years ago soon after the outbreak of the Korean war—by the Truman Administration.

In five rapid-fire orders, Government price ceilings have been removed from a wide variety of products and services. In most cases they did not make any difference because prices were below their ceilings.

Price limits now remain on only 3.9 per cent of the items covered by the Government's consumer price index. Most of the list still curbed consists of industrial materials including most chemicals, metallic building materials, iron and steel, some other metals such as nickel, and large quantities of machinery, machine-tools, and some heavy manufactured industrial equipment. More of these are expected to be decontrolled soon and almost all controls will go by April 30.

President Eisenhower told a news conference that American business has shown admirable moderation in price policies since price controls started to come off.

ONLY MAJOR CHANGE

The President noted that about the only major price change was for copper. The red metal has risen about six cents above its former ceiling price of 24.5 cents a pound since it was de-controlled. That was to be expected because it is scarce and had been selling far below the world market price.

Prices of cigarettes and a few other items have risen moderately since price curbs were removed but most have remained about the same and a few have declined.

Several major companies raised the price of petrol shortly after controls were off but, in less than a week, they dropped them back again. The law of supply and demand was working again. There is ample petrol, and other companies refused to raise prices.

Many persons thought the price of bread would go up. But bread makers promptly said no price increases are planned. Some Douglas fir and Western pine lumber products have gone up slightly but the increase is not general. Some price firmness is expected to develop in custom-moulded and fabricated plastic products because of higher production costs.

The motor-car industry indicated no price changes will result from de-control, and some industry spokesmen predicted a sharp drop in prices of used cars. As for makers of appliances, spokesmen point out that the industry is far too competitive at the moment to permit price increases.

So, the old law of supply and demand is working again—and de-control has eliminated a mountain of paper work for producers and sellers who had to make full reports to the Government on sales. — Associated Press.

New Agreement On Wheat Not Expected

Sydney, Mar. 18.

The Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, Sir John Teasdale, said tonight that he did not think that there would be a new International Wheat Agreement.

The current International Agreement expires in a few months' time.

Sir John Teasdale, who had returned by air from America, said that when he left Washington the talks for a new agreement had reached stalemate.

He would not disclose the difference which separated selling and buying prices. —Reuter.

American Maritime Policy

New York, Mar. 18.

The Eisenhower Administration will continue to promote a strong, active, privately-owned American-flag fleet, the new Under-Secretary of Commerce for Transportation, Robert B. Murray Jr., said.

Mr Murray also declared that his department is aware of the need for Government financial assistance to support a fleet programme. Federal funds for this purpose, he said, are considered an investment in American economic stability and national security.

Mr Murray's statements, made in a speech, gave the first inkling of what policies the new Republican Administration in Washington may adopt toward the American merchant marine.

"The manner in which this (financial) support can be expended best in meeting these objectives," Mr. Murray said, "will be a matter of continuing study in consultation with the industry itself and Government agencies."

The Under-Secretary stressed the need for a strong American merchant marine both in peacetime and wartime, declaring:

"In the event of localised war, in which we might not be involved, we could be seriously injured through failure to secure adequate bottoms for trade with other neutrals. In the event of war involving our own nation, we dare not depend solely on foreign shipping. We should immediately need American flagships, experienced crews and trained officers for military auxiliary demands and for our own commercial life lines."

Mr Murray said that the maintenance of profitable and equitable world trade, in which fair competition can flourish, calls for American flagships able to carry a fair share of this country's foreign commerce.

He observed that the United States now is the world's greatest maritime power, with 3,349 ocean-going merchant ships of 1,000 gross tons or over, now on active duty, or in reserve fleets.

"We attained this top grade through necessity," Mr Murray said, "and we do not intend to relinquish it."—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $145,805. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLRES	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank XD	1330		
East Asia	148		
INSURANCES			
Union	777½	50 @	780
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav.	1.35		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	69		
N. Pt. Wharf	6.35		
Dock	10.50	300 @	10.40
Provident		1000 @	12½
Provident (New)		11 500 @	11
Wheelock	7.05	7.20	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Land (O)	40½		
S'hai Land	1.40	1.43 2000 @	1.40
Humphreys XD	12.20	12½	
UTILITIES			
Tram XD	19.80	20.10 200 @	19.90
Star Ferry		104 XD	
C. Light (O)	9.20	9½ 1100 @	9.20
C. Light (N)	5.85	1000 @	5.90
Electric XD	21	600 @	20.90
		500 @	20.99
		1000 @	21.
Tel. XD	13.60	2000 @	16
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	19.70	19.90 500 @	19.60
Watson XD		20.00	
COTTONS			
Ewo		2½	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	5.50		

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.00
Sterling note (per £1)	16.80
Indonesia guilders (per 100)	11.00
Siam ticals (per 100)	33.30
Singapore (Straits)	18.30
FIC piastres (per 100)	12.20

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Mar. 19.

A technical reaction to the default by a Chinese firm was largely responsible for the improvement in rubber prices by 1-5/8 cents per pound on a steady market here yesterday.

The market was somewhat erratic, at one stage dropping from 72 cents per pound for first grade rubber for March shipment to 71½ cents and then moving up to 73-1/8 cents at the close.

A fair activity was reported with small overseas and short covering which contributed to the steadiness on the market. At noon, prices were about a cent above the previous day's levels.

Prices of rubber futures closed as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	
April	73½-¾
May	73½-¾
June	73½-¾
Number 2 rubber, April	69½-70½
Number 3 rubber, April	69½-70½
Number 4 rubber, April	64½-66½
Soft rubber, unbaled	73½-73½
Blanket crepe	64½-66½
No. 1 pale crepe	83-89

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Mar. 18.

Prices of rubber futures closed today 15 to 30 points higher. Trading was limited and featureless. Prices closed today as follows:—

May	26.10
July	25.85
September	25.25
December	24.90 bid
March	24.85 bid
May	——
Spot	26½

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Mar. 18.

The rubber market was quietly steady today. Prices closed as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in pence per lb.

April	21⅝-¾
May	21⅝-¾
June	21⅝-¾
April/June	21⅝-¾
July/September	21⅞-22
October/December	21⅞-22

—United Press.

Cotton Prices In New York

New York, Mar. 18.

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:—

Spot	34.15 nominal
March	——
May	33.62
July	——
October	33.61-33.62
December	33.60
March	33.74
May	——
July	33.39 bid

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot	33.10
March	——
May	33.61-33.62
July	——
October	——
December	33.62
March	33.73
May	33.69
July	33.63 bid

—United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Mar. 18.

Japanese bonds,	
" "A" (4s. of 1899)	82
" "B" (4s. of 1910)	71
" "C" (5s. of 1907)	123½
" "D" (5s. of 1924)	100½
" "E" (5½s. of 1930)	143½

—United Press.

Grains In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 18.

Chicago grains were higher with other leading commodities irregularly higher. Wheat closed ⅞ to 1¾ higher and soybeans were ⅝ to 1⅞ higher.—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Mar. 18.

The tin market was steady today. Turnover was 40 tons including five tons for cash and 25 tons for early April. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	947
Spot tin, sellers	948
Business done at	948
Three-months tin, buyers	940
Three-months tin, sellers	941
Business done at	nil
Settlement	940

—United Press.

International Bank Reports To UN

Washington, Mar. 18.

The International Bank reported to the United Nations today that admission of Germany, Japan and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan have brought its membership to 54 nations and its subscribed capital to $9,036,500,000.

The report was prepared for the United Nations Economic and Social Council and covered the last eight months of the Bank's operations. It summarised the loan activities of the Bank in general and then gave brief sketches of the projects it has undertaken in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and America. The Bank has made loans to 28 countries totalling $1,673,760,464 of which eight loans were made in the period covered by this report. They were to Australia, Colombia, Finland, Iceland, India, Peru and Yugoslavia.

In Asia the Bank listed these activities during the period under review:

1. — Field studies undertaken on the Indus system of rivers by engineers of India and Pakistan looking toward the evolution of a programme for increased water use.

2. — Sent a mission to Burma in response to a request by the Government to appraise the nation's economy and potentialities and examine its development plans.

3.—Presented to the Government of Ceylon the results of a general survey mission suggesting that Ceylon's chief task is to expand and diversify its production so that productivity can keep pace with the growth of population.

4.—Made two loans to India—one of $31,500,000 for an iron and steel company as a result of the Bank mission which went there in June, 1952, and a loan of $19,500,000 to the India Government for key projects in the development of the Damodar Valley, including a hydro-electric plant and an irrigation system.

5.—Sent a mission to Japan including the Bank's Vice-President, part of the time to appraise Japan's economy and collect information on its economic prospects and capacity to serve foreign debts.

6.—The Bank's director made a two weeks' visit to the Philippines to advise the Government on the development of a market for Government bonds.

7.—Sent a mission to Thailand to review the general financial and economic position there and to examine prospects for further development.—United Press.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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PASSENGERS/FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves Marseilles	Hongkong	For
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	20 Mar.	20-22 Apr.	Manila
Homewards	Hongkong	Due Marseilles	Via
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	22 Apr.	23 May	Saigon

via Marseilles to all Mediterranean & West Africa ports.
via Djibouti to Madagascar.

FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves	Hongkong	For
"MEINAM"	Dunkirk—sailed	3 Apr.	Japan
"MONKAY"	Antwerp—8 Apr.	23 May	Japan
Homewards	Leaves	Hongkong	For
"COURSEULLES"	Keelung—5 Apr.	7 Apr.	†
"MEINAM"	Keelung—28 Apr.	30 Apr.	†
"PEI-HO"	Keelung—28 May	30 May	†
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HK & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD ANNUAL MEETING

The plans for the rebuilding of the Hongkong Hotel have been agreed in principle, and work will commence as soon as certain problems of light and air have been settled with the Building Authority, said Mr Horace Kadoorie, Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., when he addressed shareholders at the Company's ordinary yearly meeting today.

The balance of the working account for the past year, he said, had increased by $500,000 over that for 1951, as although the restaurant side of the business still continued to decline, the revenue from lodgings had shown a marked improvement.

A dividend of 65 cents per share, free of tax, was declared.

Before presenting his report, Mr Kadoorie referred to the death of Mr F. C. Barry, former Managing Director, who "always devoted himself wholeheartedly to the furtherance of the interests of the company."

He continued: The balance of Working Account for the past year amounts to $1,778,533.54 an increase of some $500,000 when compared with 1951. Although the restaurant side of the business still continued to decline the revenue from lodgings showed a marked improvement. The restrictions imposed by the Hotels Ordinance 1949 were finally removed in September and, freed from these, the management was able to pursue a more realistic policy and to bring room rates and charges to a more economic level.

The Hongkong Hotel was finally closed on 30th April and handed over to the lessees who now pay us a rental of $10,000 per month during the first two years of our agreement. As a result the accounts under review have benefitted to the extent of $80,000 which amount is included in the figure "Rents received." There is a further saving from this under the headings "Rents, Rates and Licences" and "Insurance."

The closure of the Hongkong Hotel necessitated a retrenchment of the Company's staff which cost $463,703.95 and which appears in the second part of the Profit & Loss Account.

The position in so far as the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai is concerned is unchanged.

The second part of the Profit & Loss Account shows a credit balance brought down of $1,119,167.04 an increase of $681,048.02 over the previous year.

QUARTERS SOLD

Our staff quarters in Wellington Street were disposed of at a profit of $260,992.75 which amount partially offsets the cost of the staff retrenchment to which reference has already been made.

It is hoped to arrange to accommodate the staff in the new Hotel building itself.

Unclaimed dividends in respect of the years 1936-47 are dealt with in accordance with Article 150 of the Company's Articles of Association. There has been little or no movement in these balances during the past year.

Turning next to the Balance Sheet it will be noted that the value of the Fixed Assets is reduced by $930,003.52; depreciation accounts for more than 50% of this reduction and the balance is mainly due to the closure of the Hongkong Hotel, where the book value of the Building and the balance of the cost of installation of the Air-conditioning Plant, have been written off against the Special Depreciation Reserve which is thus reduced by $430,847.49.

Stocks show an increase of some $137,000, the major portion of which represents furniture from the Hongkong Hotel which is at present stored at Repulse Bay.

The cash position is considerably improved and shows an increase of $420,026.03 compared with 1951.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS

Extensive repairs to the Peninsula Hotel could on longer be deferred. Much thought was given to modernisation which, when completed, will serve to maintain this establishment as the finest hotel in the Far East and one of which the Colony can be justly proud.

The programme includes the installation of a central plant to air-condition all bedrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors in addition to the extensive reception rooms and enclosed verandah on the 1st floor, and also the restaurant on the ground floor.

The total cost of installation amounting to $298,987.40 has been included in the accounts under review.

Many of the rooms on the upper floors have already been air-conditioned by the use of individual units, an amenity which has been much appreciated by our guests.

The main kitchen which covers an area of no less than 5,000 square feet, has had to be renovated completely. The whole floor has been re-laid, pipes changed and cold storage rooms reconstructed and modernised so as to allow for the demands not only of the hotel itself but of the catering department.

OUTSIDE CATERING

Your company is now in a position to undertake large-scale outside catering, both of European and Chinese food. For instance, may I mention such varied examples as all catering at the New Territories Agricultural Show and several large receptions held recently. These services were carried out to the entire satisfaction of our clients.

The electrical installation of the hotel has been overhauled and rewiring undertaken wherever found necessary.

As regards the building itself, the exterior is being thoroughly cleaned at present and all defective plaster work repaired. Public rooms and many of the bedrooms are being repainted and renovated.

An expenditure of $300,725.20 has been written off against the reserve for Extraordinary Repairs and Renewals, as also has the cost of renewal of piping completed last year amounting to $160,897.25.

I should like to express our thanks to our guests, both residents and transients, who have put up with the noise and general inconvenience caused by this work, which has been largely necessitated by the Japanese occupation.

I would take this opportunity to thank the staff and management for their enthusiasm and the hard work they have put in, which has played such an important part in bringing about the improved results shown. In this connection I would like to make particular mention of Mr Sommerfelt on whom so much extra work, some of which was of a complicated nature, has fallen as the result of Mr Barry's death.

In the accounts under review, provision has been made for the payment of a bonus to the Chinese Staff and this was duly paid at Chinese New Year; the usual bonus of 10% to the Foreign Staff has also been provided for and I trust that you will approve of this.

REBUILDING SCHEME

Shareholders will no doubt wish to know the present position in regard to the rebuilding of the Hongkong Hotel.

The construction of a building of this nature falling as it does within the categories of a domestic and public building has presented certain problems of light and air which have not yet been settled with the Building Authority.

The plans for the scheme, which allows for Reception Rooms, Dining Rooms, etc., on the first three floors, office accommodation in the middle section and bedrooms on the upper floors, have been agreed to in principle.

Messrs Local Enterprise Limited, have engaged the services of Mr Fung Tsun as Architect, and Mr S. E. Faber as Civil Engineer. We have appointed Messrs Spence, Robinson & Partners as consultant architects to care for our interests.

As I do not think that there are any other matters which call for comment by myself, I now formally propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented. That from the balance of $1,259,975.31 available at the credit of the Profit & Loss Account a dividend of sixty-five cents per share, free of tax, be paid on 1,193,807 shares; that a sum of $382,622.45 be transferred to the the Reserve for Extraordinary Repairs and Renewals, thereby making this Reserve $415,000.— and leaving a balance of $101,339.31 to be carried forward to 1953.

A SUGGESTION

The Chairman's report was seconded by Mr J. H. Seth who said: The Chairman has dealt with the year's working at some length and there is little left for me to say except to express pleasure at the improved results achieved, an expression of opinion which I feel will be general amongst shareholders.

On a previous occasion, when seconding the accounts of this Company, I sounded a note of warning as to the future, restricted as were then by the provisions of the Hotels Ordinance. Happily wiser counsels prevailed and the restrictions of the Ordinance, repealed in 1951, have now been finally removed, with the result that the Company during the latter portion of the year has been able to work on a more economic basis.

I rarely visit Kowloon, but, if reports, which reach me, are accurate, the Peninsula Hotel will soon compare favourably with and even outclass many first-class Hotels elsewhere.

If I am in order I should like to suggest for consideration of the Board that, in addition to the usual portions served at the various grills, small portions be available at say 70% of the cost of ordinary portions. My capacity may be smaller than average and I have frequently had to choose one of two dishes for comfort, instead of indulging in both.

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LAST NIGHT'S HARBOUR DRAMA

There was excitement and drama in the harbour shortly after 8 o'clock last night when a Chinese passenger jumped into the water from a Star ferry. Two of the ferry crewmen immediately went to his assistance. The man was dragged out of the water, half drowned, but prompt application of artificial respiration gave him back his life. A China Mail staff photographer was aboard the ferry when the incident occurred and he took these pictures. Above shows Wong Moon and Chan Hing the two rescuers, and opposite, Chan Hing applying artificial respiration.

Big Crowd Greets Cugat

Xavier Cugat, King of the Rumba, and his 31-number show arrived here this morning by PAA, and were given a warm welcome by a large crowd of fans.

Amongst those who met him at the airport were many schoolchildren, an 11-piece band and members of the Musicians' Union and their wives.

Cugat and his star singer, Abbe Lane, were very nearly mobbed by a large crowd of autograph hunters who surrounded them when they came out of the Immigration Office.

The Cugat Show, which will make its debut at the Lee Theatre tonight, will end on March 25 when the troupe will leave by a special plane for Guam, where they are to give two shows.

Banishee's Misfortunes Told To Magistrate

A banishee, Kung Kwan-fuk, native of Shanghai, who has twice entered Hongkong illegally and who has lost his house, property, money, wife and seven children at Communist hands in Shanghai, appeared in Kowloon Court today. This was his story as sketched in Court by Sub-Inspector Pilkington.

He was born in Shanghai and came to be the master of the Sam Yee Building Contracting Company. When Communists came he was told they wanted him as a rich man and property owner, so he left Shanghai. He arrived in Hongkong in 1949 with US$8,000 and tried to start a business here. He failed.

In 1950, he tried to get a passport to go to Japan where he thought he would be more successful. It was refused. In 1951, therefore, he stowed away with US$2,000 in the B & S ship Shansi to Japan. His project in Japan failed. He returned again as a stowaway in the same ship back to Hongkong in May. He had US$1,500 left.

He was arrested on arrival, ordered deportation and was sent across to Chinese territory in Shumchun. That same night he took a train to Shanghai. Next day he found that the Communists had confiscated his house and his wife and children were "lost", presumably dead. His friends told him that the Communists still wanted him and advised him to return to Hongkong.

He went to Canton from where he took a ship to Macao and from Macao he took a motor junk back to Hongkong, landing here a few days later. He was undetected and has been working as a cook in the employ of the Hongkong Textile Company. He was arrested the day before yesterday.

He pleaded in Court that the Governor should rescind his deportation order as banishment to China would mean certain death.

He was cautioned.

Threw Stool At Man

"Young man, you must not lose your temper," Mr Hin-shing Lo warned Tse Kam-kwong, 21, of 18, Western Street, ground floor, when he fined him $50 for common assault at Central this morning.

Defendant was also ordered to pay compensation of $50 to the complainant, Tse Kam-kwan, a clerk of the above address. Both men were bound over in $250 for one year.

The Prosecution revealed that on March 3 the complainant discovered a typewriter belonging to the shop damaged. He suspected defendant was responsible and a quarrel started. Defendant then picked up a stool and threw it at complainant, injuring his head.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION :

Let the first rubber be m 100's, and the original stakes n shillings per 100

Then $mn + 2n(m-1) + 2n(m-2) + 2n(m-3) = 590$

This equation simplified, becomes $n(20m-31) = 295$

But $295 = 5 \times 149$, and 149 is a prime number, so n is either 1 or 5.

If n is 1, there is no solution.

If n is 5, m is 10.

So the original stakes were 5s. per 100, and the first rubber was one of 1000 points.

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Alleged Contempt Of Court

HEARING FIXED FOR APRIL 7

Hearing of a case for alleged contempt of court was fixed for 10 a.m. on April 7 on an application by Counsel for first respondent before the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice E. H. Williams this morning.

Respondents were Terence James Sheridan of 30 Braga Circuit; The Standard Press, Ltd., of 20 Ice House Street; and Lo Sau-lai, 77 Wongneichong Road, and director and general manager of The Standard Press, Ltd.

On March 6 the Full Court granted an application by Crown Counsel on behalf of the Attorney General for an order that the respondents appear today to show cause why writs of attachment should not be issued against them for contempt of Court. The application was made as a result of a complaint that an article entitled "Trial by Jury" in the March, 1953, number of the magazine "Outlook" was in contempt of court.

The article was then read by the Crown Counsel, Mr G. R. Sneath, which was a comment upon the new District Courts.

This morning Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Attorney General.

First respondent was represented by Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr P. A. L. Vine, and Mr Oswald V. Cheung, on the instructions of Mr A.W.K. Lui, appeared for the second and third respondents.

Making his application for an adjournment, Mr Wright said that the point involved in the case was one of considerable importance and the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, had been retained to lead him in the present case. Mr Wright said that Mr d'Almada had been ill for a week past and his instructing solicitor had not been able to give him (Mr d'Almada) full instructions that this case required, because he had not been back in his chambers until this morning.

Counsel said it was necessary to file certain affidavits in these proceedings, which were rather lengthy, and it would be necessary for Counsel to settle these affidavits. As the matter was one of considerable importance, in Counsel's submission, it would be of considerable assistance to the Court and considerable advantage to his client to have Mr d'Almada to argue it before the Court.

Mr Wright said that he was supported by Mr Cheung in application for adjournment and he understood that Crown Counsel had no objection.

Mr Blair-Kerr informed the Court that he had no objection to adjournment.

Hearing was then fixed for 10 a.m. on April 7.

Mr Cheung said that he wished to mention two points. The first was that second respondents were called The Standard Printing Press, Ltd., but there was no such Company. The printers of this periodical were The Standard Press, Ltd. who had instructed him to appear on their behalf.

Asked by the Chief Justice whether he had any objection if Crown Counsel made an application to strike out the word "Printing", Mr Cheung said he had none. In fact he mentioned the point so that the Crown could put the matter in order.

Continuing, Mr Cheung said that the second point was that third respondent was not the printer of the periodical but a director and general manager of the second respondent company. He mentioned it now so that the Crown could deal with that point also.

Mr Blair-Kerr then applied for the word "Printing" to be struck out from the name, "The Standard Printing Press, Ltd." in the notice of motion.

Mr Wright offering no objection, the application was granted.

Consecration Of Catholic Bishop

The consecration of the Most Rev. Joseph Truong-cao-Dai, who has been appointed Titular Bishop of Sila and Apostolic Vicar of Haiphong, took place amidst a solemn and impressive ceremony at the Roman Catholic Cathedral this morning.

The Consecrator was HE the Most Rev. John Dooley, SSC, DD, Archbishop of Mara, and Apostolic Delegate to Indo-China. The assisting bishops were His Excellency Lawrence Bianchi, Bishop of Hongkong, and His Excellency Peter Ngo-dinh Thur, Bishop of Vinh-long. A sermon was given by His Excellency Adolf Paschang, MM, DD, Bishop of Kongmoon.

Bishop Joseph Dai was born in An-lap, North Vietnam, in 1913, and received his first schooling in the parish of Luc-Thuy before entering the Minor Seminary of Ning Cuong, from where he went to the Pontifical Seminary of Nam-Dinh.

On entering the Dominican Order in 1935, he pronounced his simple vows in 1936 and his solemn vows in 1939. He finished his theological studies in the Dominican House of Studies at Rosary Hill, Hongkong, in 1940.

Bishop Dai was ordained priest in May 1940 in Hongkong, and after three years, obtained the degree of Doctor in Canon Law in Manila. He was proclaimed the Titular Bishop of Sila and Apostolic Vicar of Haiphong on January 8 this year.

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6, Programme Summary; 6.02, It's Swingtime with Duke Ellington and his Orchestra; 6.30, London Studio Melodies—Sidney Torch and his Orch. with Ronald Chesney (Harmonica) (BBCTS); 7, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.15, Frank Chacksfield and his singing strings; 7.30, "Down Memory Lane" presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time for Music —The BBC Scottish Variety Orch. cond. by Guy Dennes with Janette Sclanders (Soprano) (BBCTS); 8.30, First Rehearsal with Bernard Braden, Barbara Kelly, Benny Lee, Pearl Carr, Ronald Fletcher, Nat Temple and his Orch. (BBCTS); 9, Sports Review by Brig Young (Studio); 9.15, At the Opera—"Don Carlo" Acts 3 & 4 (Verdi), with Principals, Members, Orchestra and Chorus of Radio Italiana (Rome), cond. by Fernando Previtali; 10.30, Music of the Twentieth Century; 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music — George Boulanger and his Orchestra; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Successful Fashion Show

The blend of sartorial and liquid cocktails made a novel and enjoyable evening yesterday for more than 500 people who crowded the Skyroom of Luna Park for the Cocktail Hour Fashion Show in aid of the Hongkong Sea Training School and Boys Camp, Stanley. The event was organised by a committee of eleven ladies under the Chairmanship of Mrs M. D. Gilpatric, and it was Lady Grantham's first appearance at a function for several weeks. She is Patroness of the Camp.

The 25 models included four teen-agers and eight tiny tots, and the creations paraded were all chosen with a special eye to Spring and Hongkong, so that nothing was shown which could not be suitably worn here during the coming months. Predominantly French and American, the styles put denim and silk shantung in the limelight for warm weather fashions, though glazed cottons, silk gauzes and organdies, and variations on the nylon theme played a big part. There were few long evening dresses, ballet length 'formals' and every-day casuals being to the fore. Imagination and much good taste were shown in the wearing of gorgeous Chinese fabrics.

Compered by Mrs Elsa Talbot, with John Wallace as Master of Ceremonies, yesterday's was the most accomplished and smooth-running of any such fashion show held here since the war. Chris and his Band, new to the Skyroom, gave the show a musical swing and entertained cocktail-sippers in the intervals.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"I'd better buy dad a cheap corncob pipe for his birthday—already he thinks I get too much allowance!"